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HANKOW FACES BIG CRISIS.

"NEUTRAL" GENERAL TURNS TO NANKING.

BRITISH CONSUL'S VAIN ATTEMPTS AT REFORM.

FENG MOVES AT LAST.

The abandonment of "neutrality" by General Chu Pei-teh, who has been sitting astride the Yangtze at Kiukiang, and the throwing of his lot in with the Nanking party, has placed the Hankow militarists in a very precarious position.

It is stated that trouble of a very serious nature is feared at Hankow, and that General Tang Seng-chi is fully prepared to retire into Hunan if occasion arises. There has been the murder of a B.A.T. dealer by unionists, and the British Consul General has failed to get any satisfaction from the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs regarding the reform of the Municipal Administration.

There are contradictory reports from the North regarding the Fengtien fight against Shansi, although the more reliable accounts state that the tide has definitely turned against Marshal Feng and that the Fengtien forces are still pressing the Shansi armies. The fall of Chengchow is said to be imminent.

BANDITS AGAIN OVER-RUN YUNNAN.

Shanghai, Nov. 2.
It is now clearly revealed that General Chu Pei-teh, who hitherto has been "neutral" at Kiukiang, has thrown in his lot with the Nanking party, thus rendering the position of the Hankow militarists very precarious. It is stated in the latest reports that General Chu's forces have advanced along the Yangtze towards Wusueh, and are actively co-operating with the Nanking naval forces.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

HANKOW UNCERTAINTY.

Tang's Precarious Position.

Shanghai, Nov. 1.
The position of Marshal Tang Seng-chi at Hankow is becoming more and more precarious, though at present there is no material change in the Yangtze area. Forces from the west appear to be organising for an advance against Hankow, and the vernacular papers at Shanghai contain a report to-day to the effect that General Chu Pei-teh has changed his mind, and with a large body of troops near Kiukiang has decided to throw in his lot with the Nanking faction.

Information received from Hankow indicates that although no definite incident has occurred, trouble of perhaps a serious nature, is feared.

General Tang Seng-chi's recent activities appear to show his intention of retiring with his troops into Hunan if the occasion arises.—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW CONCESSION.

Reform Suggestions Turned Down.

Shanghai, Nov. 2.
A message from Hankow says that the Consul General on Monday received from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs a letter regarding the ex-British Concession, in which he refuses to accept the Consul's suggestions for the reform of the Municipal Administration. A deadlock ensues.—*Reuter.*

FENG TIEN SUCCESSES.

Against Feng and Yen.

Shanghai, Nov. 1.
The tide has definitely turned against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's forces, as well as the Shansi troops, and the fall of Chengchow, now occupied by Feng Yu-hsiang, Y-Leung on the railway line, as is anticipated shortly.

Fengtien forces are pressing the Shansi armies in Shantung and Chihli, and the latter is reported to have suffered considerable losses in men and ammunition.—*Naval Wireless.*

FENG MOVES AT LAST.

Claims A Victory.

Shanghai, Nov. 2.
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has telegraphed to Nanking that the Shantung forces under General King-yueh at Kweichow, which is on the eastern section of the Lungshai line, have been disbanded by his troops. He adds that he started a general counter-attack on the Chihli-Shantung forces. It has been reported to Peking, however, by General Chang Chung-chang, that certain troops of Marshal Feng have been besieged at Koucheng.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

YUNNAN CHAOS.

Bandits Threatening.

Yunnan, Oct. 28.
It is confirmed that Li Chao-chang is at grips at Koku with other bandit chiefs as well as with the local irregulars. The population of Mongtsueu fear that Li, in order to escape from being encircled by his various enemies at Koku, will fall back on their town, where General Liang is stationed. Business is suspended and many families have left Mongtsueu. A part of the town of Koku is in flames. Telegraphic and other means of communication between Koku and Mongtsueu are forbidden by an order from Li Chao-chang, who also commands Mongtsueu concurrently with General Hsiang. Conditions at Yunnan-fu, and the railway belt are tranquil. An incident occurred on the 25th instant at Amitchow, where a band of ten looters exchanged shots with a police patrol, and sacked the residence of an Inspector of the Railway.

Panic Continues.

Yunnan-fu, Oct. 29.
There is a rumour to the effect that Li Chao-chang last night escaped from Koku where he had been surrounded by other bandit chiefs who were supported by the irregulars. He was to reach Mongtsueu to-day.

The gates of Mongtsueu are closed and panic continues to reign in the town. General Hsiang has received reinforcements with the view to meeting an eventual attack against the town.

On the other hand, according to unconfirmed reports, the disaffected generals, Hu Jo-yu and Chang Yu-yi have again combined against General Long Yun (the chairman of the Military Directorate which is functioning as a Government in the Capital). They have effected a junction, and are reported to have occupied the district of Lu forces, as well as the Shansi troops, and the fall of Chengchow, now occupied by Feng Yu-hsiang, Y-Leung on the railway line, as is anticipated shortly.

The situation is considered serious.—*Indo-pacific.*

SHANGHAI CRIME.

GRAVE CONCERN AT BIG INCREASE.

AN ORGY OF GAMBLING.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Oct. 29.
The Police Report for the month just past reveals an increase in crimes of violence which it is impossible to contemplate without the gravest concern and incidentally illustrates the connexion between political turmoil and crime waves. There is little doubt that the abnormal increase in serious crime brought out by the statistics is due largely to the military and political situation in the territory contiguous to the foreign Settlements, territory in which there is a never ending condition of revolutionary ferment. Besides affording unprecedented opportunities to the criminally inclined to secure revolvers and pistols, every change of administration—and there has been a dozen since the autumn of 1924—has resulted in additions to the ranks of the unemployed, of large bands of men trained in the use of arms and inured to risking their lives, and it is estimated that some 5,000 persons of this category have been turned loose upon the community as a result of the dissolution last April of the Shanghai Labour Protection Corps.

The authorities of the International Settlement have been put on their honour, so to speak, by the vigorous outcry raised by the Chinese community against the prevailing crime wave and they are exhausting every resource at their command to terminate the menace. To this end, every bridge and entrance leading to the Settlement are being heavily guarded night and day by strong detachments of Russian Volunteers, Police Reserves and Chinese municipal constables to stop and search the occupants of motor-cars which have latterly been requisitioned by kidnapping gangs to render mobility to their activities. These measures will be continued for some time and are intended to checkmate the kidnapping—fraternally by closing their avenues of ingress and egress. These precautionary steps are having the effect of reassuring the Chinese community that it can count on full protection.

An Orgy of Gambling.

Some years ago, a visitor to Shanghai with a mordant pen wrote that Shanghai was drunk with wealth. He does not appear to have been very much wide of the mark, judging from the amount of money that is being spent in purely unproductive fields, such as gambling in all its forms. If gambling went on at the time the visitor in question passed through these parts, there is ten times more gambling going on to-day. On the race track alone, millions are spent annually by thousands of turf votaries to make a few persons rich. Formerly, there were only the bi-annual spring and autumn meetings of the Shanghai Race Club—and it was considered fast enough at the time, in all conscience. Then additional races were added to the calendar both of the Shanghai Race Club and the Kiangnan Race Club in the shape of weekly extra races. Latterly the Chinese Jockey Club has entered the lists, and between the three, they contrive to provide Shanghai with regular racing, month in and month out, which is perhaps proportionately more than in any other part of the world considering the size of Shanghai. They talk of bad times—and then spend money like water at the races.

Added to the saturnalia of racing is the vogue of roulette, which is surreptitiously carried on in various parts of the International Settlement and French Concession. The owners of these establishments have gone so far as openly to boast that their houses cannot be raided. The explanation is that they have advance information regarding projected raids by the police. And so to raid these haunts is only a negation of effort. Small wonder that many people cannot repress a smile when they hear Shanghai being referred to as the "Model" Settlement. There are many anomalies to be removed before Shanghai can establish a claim to such a title.

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KING'S COLLEGE NOT YET TO OPEN.

SCHOLARS TO REMAIN IN OTHER SCHOOLS.

UNTIL NEW YEAR.

Although King's College is no longer in use as a military hospital, all the patients having been transferred to other centres during October, it is not proposed by the Education Department to recall the scholars until January 1st, we were informed this morning by Mr. A. E. Wood, the Director of Education.

The College is now undergoing the process of rehabilitation since the military have left, and even should it be the case that the work is completed long before the New Year, it would be inadvisable, in his opinion, to interfere with present arrangements whereby the King's College students have been absorbed into other schools, the majority at Queen's College and the Ellis Kadoret School. King's College pupils will begin the new term at their own college, B.A.T. DEALER MURDERED.

Intimidation at Hankow Continues.

Shanghai, Nov. 2.

A message from Hankow reports that a B.A.T. dealer was murdered on Saturday by members of the B.A.T. Union because he purchased seventeen cases of cigarettes. All dealers closed their shops on Monday owing to intimidation.—*Reuter.*

but meanwhile it is regarded as much better that they should remain under their present tutelage.

Subsidies.

Mr. A. E. Wood also referred to a totally incorrect report appearing in the vernacular press to the effect that the Government intended to reduce its subsidies to vernacular schools.

If such a report should get abroad, said Mr. Wood, it was likely to cause considerable alarm among the headmasters of schools who were almost entirely dependent upon the subsidy for the continuation of their efforts. The Director pointed out that far from reducing subsidies, the 1928 Estimates provided for increases all round.

THE S.S. MAFALDA DEATH ROLL.

OVER 300 PERSONS WERE DROWNED.

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 1.
The final figures of the Princess Mafalda disaster give the number of persons drowned as 314, out of a total of 1,259 on board.

Eleven officers and 231 seamen of the crew are among the survivors, the members of the crew drowned being nine officers and 37 seamen.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EGYPTIAN PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

SARWAT PASHA IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 1.
Sarwat Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, again visited the Foreign Office to-day, and continued his informal conversation on Anglo-Egyptian relations, with a high official of the department. To-night Lord Lloyd, the High Commissioner for Egypt, will give a dinner in honour of Sarwat Pasha.—*British Wireless.*

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ARMISTICE DAY.

THE WHOLE EMPIRE TO LISTEN IN.

A SPEECH BY THE PRINCE.

London, Nov. 1.

On Armistice Day this year, it is proposed that all parts of the British Empire shall be enabled, by wireless telephony, to join in one great celebration.

A concert organised in connexion with the British Legion will be held at the Albert Hall London, from eight until ten o'clock in the evening. Some 10,000 ex-service men will sing marching and other songs of the Great War.

The British Broadcasting Corporation will broadcast the concert all over the world, through the new experimental shortwave transmitter at Chelmsford, on a 24 metre wave-length.

The most important feature however, will be an address by the Prince of Wales. Some 450,000,000 British subjects throughout the Empire and on ships at sea will be able, atmospherics permitting, to hear the spoken message of the Prince. It promises to be a historic event.—*British Wireless.*

FIRST LORD'S TOUR AT PORTSMOUTH.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTED.

London, Nov. 1.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, accompanied by Dame Caroline Bridgeman, made a tour of the naval establishments of Portsmouth to-day.

Mr. Bridgeman inspected the work on the new cruisers Suffolk and Dorsetshire, and saw improvements being made at the main generating station in the dockyard, the new accommodation at the submarine base at Gosport, and the progress being made with the restoration work in Nelson's flagship the Victory.

Dame Bridgeman made an independent tour of the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar.—*British Wireless.*

NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

MR. ARTHUR SAMUEL APPOINTED.

London, Nov. 1.

Mr. Arthur Samuel has been appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury in succession to Mr. Ronald McNeill, who has been raised to the peerage on succeeding Lord Cecil in the Cabinet.—*Reuter.*

It is officially announced that Mr. Arthur Samuel, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, has been appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in the place of Mr. Ronald McNeill, who was recently promoted to a seat in the Cabinet.—*British Wireless.*

NO REVOLUTION IN RUMANIA.

ENEMY "FAKES" ALLEGED.

London, Nov. 1.

Following recent sensational reports of a revolution in Rumania, a Bukharest report transmits a semi-official statement denouncing "fake reports spread from enemy sources," emphasising that there have been no disturbances in Rumania and no exceptional measures have been adopted.—*Reuter.*

THE RE-ELECTION OF KEMAL PASHA.

Angora, Nov. 1.

Mustapha Kemal Pasha has been unanimously re-elected President of the Turkish Republic.—*Reuter.*

NEW TAIPO BRIDGE TO BE OPENED.

AVAILABLE TO TRAFFIC ON NOVEMBER 10.

BOON TO KOWLOON.

The Telegraph is able to announce to-day that the new Taiipo Bridge, work on which has been speeded up considerably since the collapse of the temporary structure during the August typhoon, will be opened by the Government to traffic on Thursday, November 10, eight days hence.

For all practical purposes, the bridge has been already completed, but the P.W.D. is now engaged in applying the finishing touches to the approach from either side, at the same time allowing a few more days to give the concrete time to become thoroughly set.

The opening of the new bridge will render the complete circuit of the New Territories accessible to every type of vehicle for the first time since the phenomenal rain-storm of July 18th 1925, which wrecked the old bridge beyond hope of repair. Equally it will restore to motorists the privilege of travelling round the New Territories at night, a pleasant trip which has been impossible since the old bridge was swept away over two years ago.

The new bridge has been built, not on the site of the old structure, but almost alongside to the left, where the P.W.D. engineers found a better basis for the foundations. The work has therefore involved the construction of new approaches in addition to the bridge itself.

SEDITIONARY PAPERS SEIZED.

WIDESPREAD PLOT IN BENGAL.

Calcutta, Nov. 1.

A number of houses in Calcutta and North-east Bengal have been searched by the police, who have seized documents believed to reveal widespread ramifications of a revolutionary conspiracy.

The searches were executed at the request of the Bihar police, following the discovery of two pistols and ammunition in the possession of a Bengali youth at Dughar last month. Certain ciphers were also seized, and when decoded revealed the names of a number of persons whose addresses were subsequently searched. No arrests are hitherto reported.—*Reuter.*

NOT THE TOMB OF GENGIS KHAN.

PROFESSOR KOSLOV'S DISCOVERY.

Moscow, Nov. 1.

The famous explorer, Professor Koslov, who is now in Leningrad, denies a report that he has discovered the tomb of the Tartar conqueror, Gengis Khan, near the dead city of Kharakoto, in Mongolia.

He says he last year visited the peak of Ikhelwoda, in the Mongolian Altai range, and there found the mausoleum of an ancient Mongolian khan whose name he was unable to ascertain. Professor Koslov was unable to make excavations on the spot as he was travelling lightly equipped after excavations at Kharakoto.—*Reuter.*

COTTON SPINNERS DISAGREE.

JOINT BODY DESIRABLE.

London, Nov. 1.

The board of the Cotton Yarn Association met in Manchester to consider the recent breakdown in the joint conference between the Association and the Federation of Master Cottonspinners' Associations.

The board overwhelmingly passed a resolution that the directors should consider whether it was desirable to have two associations, and whether they should advise the members to withdraw from the Federation.—*Reuter.*

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BIG SUIT AGAINST BANK.

HARBIN CLAIM SUCCEEDS.

"I think that I will decide this case in favour of the plaintiff," said Judge Purdy at Shanghai on Friday, "and you, Mr. Moss, may prepare a finding of fact." The action involved two causes of action wherein the Harbin Tramway Co., Ltd., sued the National City Bank of New York for the release of two banking accounts, amounting respectively, to Harbin \$225,741.52 and Harbin \$239,441.22, plus interest since June 25, 1927.

Mr. S. A. Moss represented plaintiff, while Mr. C. S. Franklin appeared for the Bank. A third party, Messrs. Beckman & London, of San Francisco, who had the right of joint signatures on all withdrawals, were not represented. They had agreed to build the Harbin tramways.

This case, involving as it does, nearly half a million dollars, Harbin currency, and the subsequent judgment, involved the largest sum of money ever adjudicated upon by the United States Court for China.

In the first cause, the petition alleged that \$225,741.52 was the credit balance from amounts deposited during February and April of 1923, by the Concessionaires, the Harbin Electric Light & Joint Stock Co., Ltd., and the Beckman & Linden Engineering Corp., and were the monies of both plaintiff and the Beckman & Linden Corp. Plaintiff alleged that they had demanded the money but the Bank had refused to pay.

In the second cause, it was alleged that \$239,441.22 was the balance of a deposit of \$300,000 made on November 12, 1923. The account was subject to withdrawal by cheque on order of plaintiff and approved by Mr. E. W. Beardsley, agent of Messrs. Beckman & Linden.

No Legal Demand for Withdrawal.

The answer filed by Mr. Franklin on August 9, 1927, admitted that the monies as described, are on deposit, but denied that legal demand had ever been made for withdrawal. The Bank was willing to pay when legal demand was made. Regarding the second cause, the answer denied that plaintiff is the owner of the money and further denied that legal demand had been made, but expressed defendant's willingness to dispose of the accounts as the Court might order.

As separate defence to the first cause, counsel in the answer said that in a civil action—F. J. Schull v. Beckman & Linden—it had been stipulated that the Bank should pay out the monies only for purchase of supplies and equipment for construction of the tramways, as under contract between the parties.

Defending both causes jointly the answer alleged that defendant, the Bank, is responsible to Messrs. Beckman & Linden and to Mr. F. J. Schull, and that neither of the parties in the present action are joint plaintiffs or joint defendants. The entire case was conceded to be a matter of law, and depositions taken in Harbin, were admitted by counsel to be proper statements of fact, with several exceptions noted by counsel during the reading thereof in the morning session. The point at issue was whether the both parties, under the law on contracts, were parties to the contracts in name or in fact. Mr. Franklin contending that the Bank was bound to respect the contract, as the others had signed it.

Right of Countersignature.

Mr. Moss in his opening argument declared that he did not have to bring in Messrs. Beckman & Linden as joint plaintiffs, as by the depositions he had shown conclusively that they had no interest in the accounts. The Chinese plaintiffs had deposited the money for the purchase of supplies and for the American firm had withdrawn to San Francisco. It was true that Mr. Beardsley had a right of countersignature.

Counsel could not bring action against both the Bank and the firm, because, as he said, the latter were not in the jurisdiction of the United States Court for China.

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THE PIRACY TRIAL.

REVELATIONS BY SECOND
OFFICER.

The trial of the seven Chinese charged with the piracy of the steamer Irene was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The principal feature yesterday was the evidence of the Second Officer who identified all the pirates and gave a comprehensive explanation of how each man behaved after the officers were overpowered.

According to this witness, the third defendant was the ring-leader of the pirate gang and he appeared to have some knowledge of navigation. The fourth defendant (who is represented by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Sr.) appeared to the witness as a wealthy man, as well as well as the most dangerous person on the pirate ship.

The Second Officer attributed the outbreak of the fire on the Irene to a shot which struck either his own or the chief officer's cabin, and set alight a quantity of wood-work.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuted for the Crown.

One of the defendants objected strenuously to the Court procedure and was only silenced by being removed from Court.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leo D'Almada Castro, Jr., when the hearing was resumed yesterday afternoon, Captain J. H. Johnson of the Irene said that he first saw the fourth defendant at about 8.10 a.m. on October 19, when the piracy broke out. The fourth defendant was amongst those who rushed into the saloon where the witness was having breakfast with other officers.

The fourth defendant was the man who looked into the witness' cabin shortly after nine o'clock. The next occasion when he saw this particular defendant was when he went to the bridge between three and four o'clock.

The next morning (October 20) the fourth defendant was seen by the Captain lying on an easy chair with a revolver dangling in his hand.

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, witness said he could recognize most of the pirates.

Mr. D'Almada next asked the Captain to indicate roughly how far from land the Irene sank, and where exactly the passengers were picked up. The witness replied that he would say the ship sank about a mile and a quarter from Triple Island and that most of the passengers were picked up at about the same spot.

Replying to further questions, the Captain stated the first and third defendants were picked up from the water by the L4 and the second defendant was identified as one of the pirates later. The rest of the defendants were picked up by the L5. He saw nothing of the fourth defendant from the time they left Bias Bay until the identification parade at the Central Police Station.

Mr. Whyte Smith in re-examination proceeded to ask witness how far the Irene was from land at the time of the outbreak of the piracy but Mr. D'Almada objected to the question on the ground that it did not arise from cross-examination. Mr. Lindsell agreed, but put the question to the witness himself and the answer was that the ship was about twenty miles from the mainland but only about 11 miles off Ocksea Islands.

Second Officer's Evidence.

The second Officer, Mr. A. I. Zaiorchkovsky, was next called by the prosecution to give evidence. He said he had been in China since 1920 but had been on China waters for only six months. He joined the Irene about four months ago.

He repeated most of the evidence of the Captain and added that when the first shots were fired, he was having his breakfast with the Captain, having been relieved a few minutes previously from the bridge. As regards the pirates who rushed the saloon, this witness identified the third, fourth and sixth defendants and

KOENNECKE'S FLIGHT.

CAMPANION REACHES
HELIOPOLIS.

Cairo, Nov. 1.
Count Solms, a companion of the German aviator Koennecke, has arrived in Helopolis in an Imperial Airways machine. He will spend three days in quarantine and then continue to Germany.—*Reuter.*

added that the first and second defendant visited the saloon later. Describing the sixth defendant, the witness said that he carried a kitchen knife in his hand, whilst all the other pirates, some of whom were not in Court, had revolvers or automatics.

It was the third defendant who searched the witness and, in witness' opinion, he was the ring-leader of the lot. Witness' room was also searched by the third defendant, who, when he found that the officer had no arms in his quarters, said "If you have a gun by-and-by, plenty trouble for you." Witness was interrogated about arms by the first and second defendants also, but when the third defendant intervened and explained that the witness' room had been searched and no arms were found, the first and second defendant appeared satisfied.

The Second Officer, continuing, said that he was not molested and was permitted to move about freely. He went on the bridge shortly after twelve noon on October 19 and there he saw many pirates, coming and going. He could remember Nos. 2, 3 and 4 as being amongst those who went often to the bridge.

The witness, referring to an incident on the bridge, said that on one occasion he walked a bit too close to the third defendant, who said "Oh, no, no," and quickly drew his automatic. Witness got out of way in time.

At Bias Bay.

Referring to the shooting at Bias Bay, witness said that the ship passed Bate Island at about 8 p.m. At that time he was on the bridge, being guarded by the sixth defendant. The third and fourth defendants ascended to the bridge shortly before a light flashing astern of the vessel was noticed about half a mile away. Witness corrected himself in answer to Mr. Whyte Smith and said he did not see the signal but that the first he knew of the presence of the submarine was when the first shot was fired.

Mr. Whyte Smith: What happened after that?

Witness: As far as I can remember, we continued on our course and then the second shot was fired. After the second shot the Captain, myself, and two or three pirates had a conference as to what we should do. It was suggested that we should lower a boat and make for shore.

Mr. Lindsell: Who suggested that?

Witness: I can't remember, either the skipper or I myself must have done so.

The Second Officer then told the Court that after the suggestion to lower the boat was agreed to, he called to the boatswains and the sailors, but they failed to appear. At that time he observed that the engines were stopped for a while, but started again almost immediately.

Submarine's Shots.

The second defendant, who was on the bridge, then ordered witness to communicate with the submarine and to ask them to stop firing. Witness had no time to signal but he shouted across to the submarine. Later, when the searchlight played on the Irene's bridge, witness waved his arms to attract attention, but with no result.

Describing the shots which struck the Irene the witness said that one of the shots went through the stockhold ventilator, which supported the bridge. The shot therefore shook the bridge severely and this was the signal for the

CINEMA DISASTER.

PROPRIETOR SENTENCED TO
TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

Montreal, Nov. 1.
The Syrian, Ameen Lawand, proprietor of the cinema which was burned last January, when 78 children perished, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and two of his employees, also Syrians, have been sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment each. All were convicted of manslaughter.—*Reuter.*

pirates to leave the bridge. Witness also left the bridge and made for safety behind a lifeboat on the lower bridge.

The next shot, witness added, went through either the Chief Officer's or the witness' cabin, and as there was a good deal of woodwork in both these cabins, it set fire to the ship.

It was after this shot that the second and third defendants took lifebelts and jumped into the water.

Witness declared that it was the last shot which burst the steam-pipe and rendered the Irene incapable. The Second Engineer rushed to the deck from the engine room after this shot and wanted to jump into the sea. He appeared shocked and terrified. The witness and the Chief Officer prevailed upon the engineer to be calm and told him that the ship was not sinking. The advice was apparently listened to for these three men did not enter the water until the submarine came close to the burning Irene.

At this stage, Mr. Whyte Smith requested the witness to describe what he saw of the fifth defendant during the piracy. Witness said he was absolutely sure the fifth defendant was one of those who paid occasional visits to the bridge.

Regarding the seventh defendant, the witness said that he saw him during the piracy with an automatic, but could not recall the exact circumstances under which he met this man.

The Chief Pirate.

Asked if he had anything else to say about the other defendants, the witness added that the first defendant was searched on board the L4 by witness and a pistol magazine was found on him. The second defendant, said the witness, spoke English fairly well and represented himself as the chief pirate. He said he had been a stoker on a British ship and had been in London and San Francisco. He had returned to China but could not find employment and was forced to become a pirate.

Speaking of the third defendant, the witness said: "My observation of this man seemed to indicate to me that he had been a quartermaster before. He appeared to understand the chart and could read the compass and from time to time I saw him check our course on the chart and compass."

In regard to the fourth defendant, witness said that this man was often on the bridge. He was well dressed and he "swanked two gold watches." He was very nervous and, according to witness' reckoning, he was the most dangerous man on the ship. He had his pistol in his hand all the time and whenever he met witness he would have him covered.

All the defendants had no questions, except the sixth man, who claimed he could not understand what was being interpreted. He said that he could only speak the Hakkia dialect. This fact he made known to the interpreter in the Hakkia dialect in which all the evidence was being interpreted to him.

Mr. Lindsell reminded the man that he was asked on the opening of the case whether he could speak Hakkia and the reply had been in the affirmative.

Ordered Out of Court.

Mr. D'Almada asked the witness where the Irene sank and was told that the Irene sank the next day, after the witness had left the scene. He could not say where

CAPTIVE HUNTERS.

BOUGHT FROM CAPTORS BY
FRIENDLY CHIEF.

Casablanca, Nov. 1.
The Resident General, Mr. Steeg, states that the captives are now in the hands of a native chief who is friendly to the French and who bought them from the tribesmen who carried them off. The captives say they are well treated but very tired after the long marches they had to make. Apparently a very heavy ransom will be demanded.—*Reuter.*

[The captives mentioned were a hunting party consisting of two ladies and two men who were taken captive on October 23.]

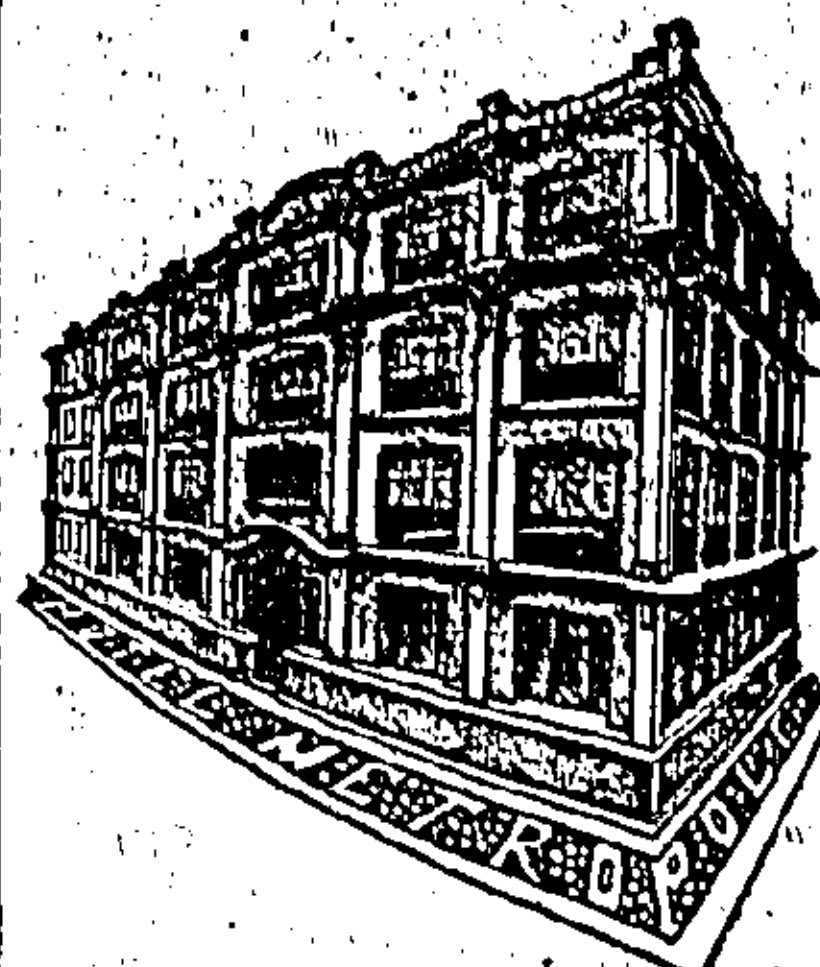
exactly the vessel sank, but would say roughly that the boat was between one or two miles from shore somewhere to the southwest of Triple Island.

At this stage the second defendant, who had previously indicated that he had no questions to put to the witness, burst out with a torrent of speech. He said that he observed that the White man were doing all the talking and that he was being given no opportunity to speak. He wanted to explain everything there and then, and although he was assured that he would be given the fullest opportunity to explain whatever he desired when his turn came, the man persisted in telling his story, which was to the effect that he had been in England and America and had many white friends on the China Coast, both in Shanghai and Amoy. He also said he had employment in Shanghai.

Through the interpreter, Mr. Lindsell told the man of the procedure the Court would adopt, which only drew the retort from the defendant to the effect that "he had been in England for ten years and had served the British Government and that he thought the procedure was all wrong."

After further disturbance by this man, Mr. Lindsell ordered him out of Court.

The hearing was adjourned until 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.



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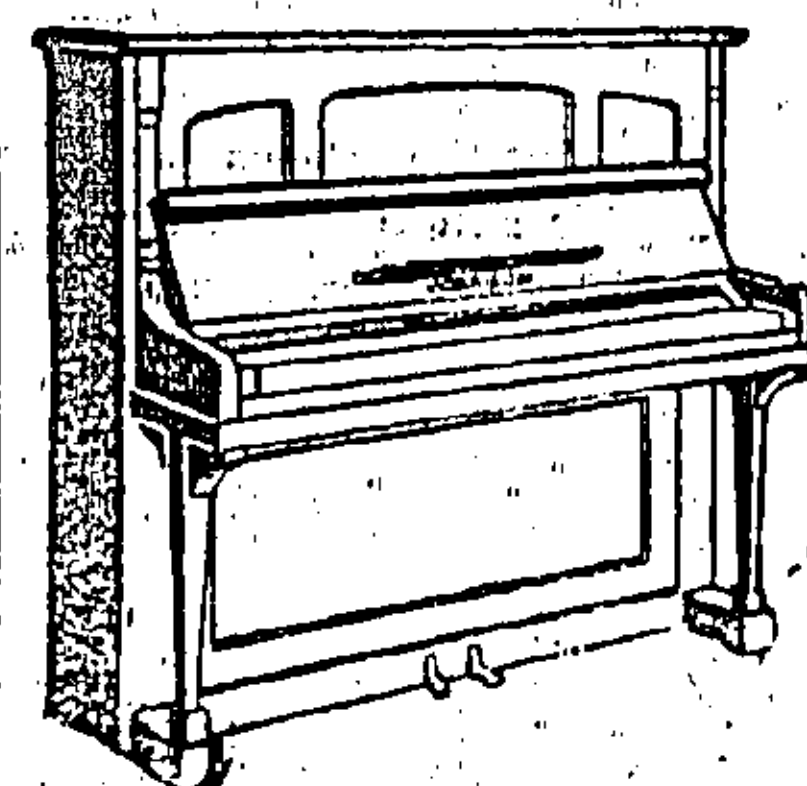
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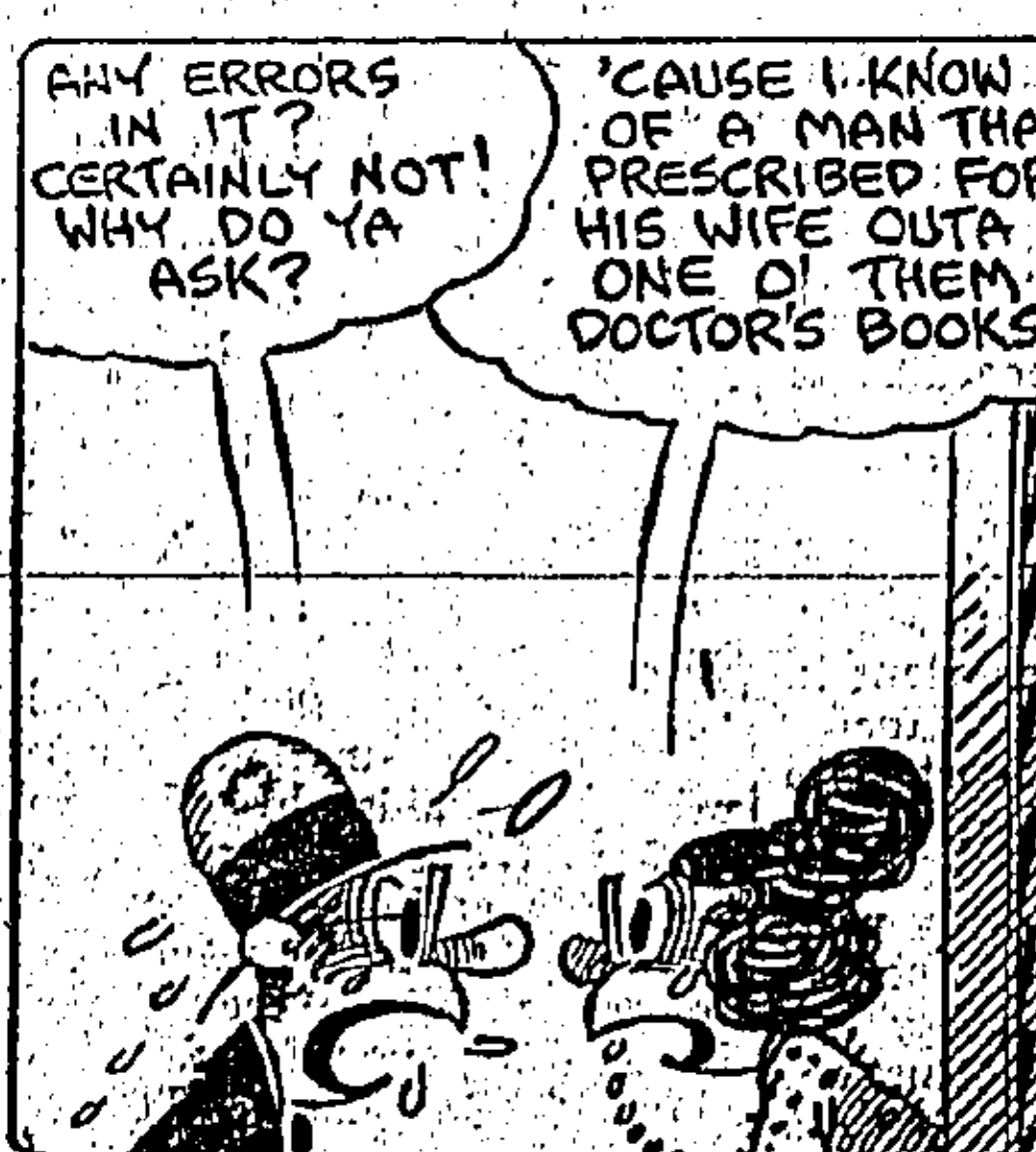
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RUSSIAN CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT AT SHANGHAI.—A troupe of over thirty Russian children under the direction of Maestro P. Mashin gave a most enjoyable entertainment at the Peacock Orient Theatre, Shanghai, recently. Above are seen the young performers and their director. Two playlets and a selection of divertissements were given.



RELIEVED.—Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder, commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, who declared in a magazine article that inefficiency is giving the American people only \$200,000,000 worth of Navy for expenditures of \$300,000,000. Department officials at Washington have relieved him of his post, in consequence.

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WEDDING BELLS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.—Group taken after the wedding at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, of Mr. Cecil Alan Pouncey and Miss Eugenie Marjorie Lintilhac. Bridesmaids were Misses Myanie and Peggie Stewart, and the flower girls were Misses Margery Westcott and Margot Everall. The best man was Mr. W. F. Haselhurst.



VANDERBILT WEDDING.—Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, who figured in a recent Paris divorce, is to make good long-standing forecasts by marrying Mrs. Rose Lancaster Warburton. Above is a unique picture of Mrs. Warburton, with one of Mr. Vanderbilt. The nuptials will be in Paris.



FELICITATIONS IN ORDER.—Mr. F. L. Ball and his bride, Miss Frances M. Trevor-Smith, photographed in the garden of the bride's home, after their wedding recently, at Shanghai.

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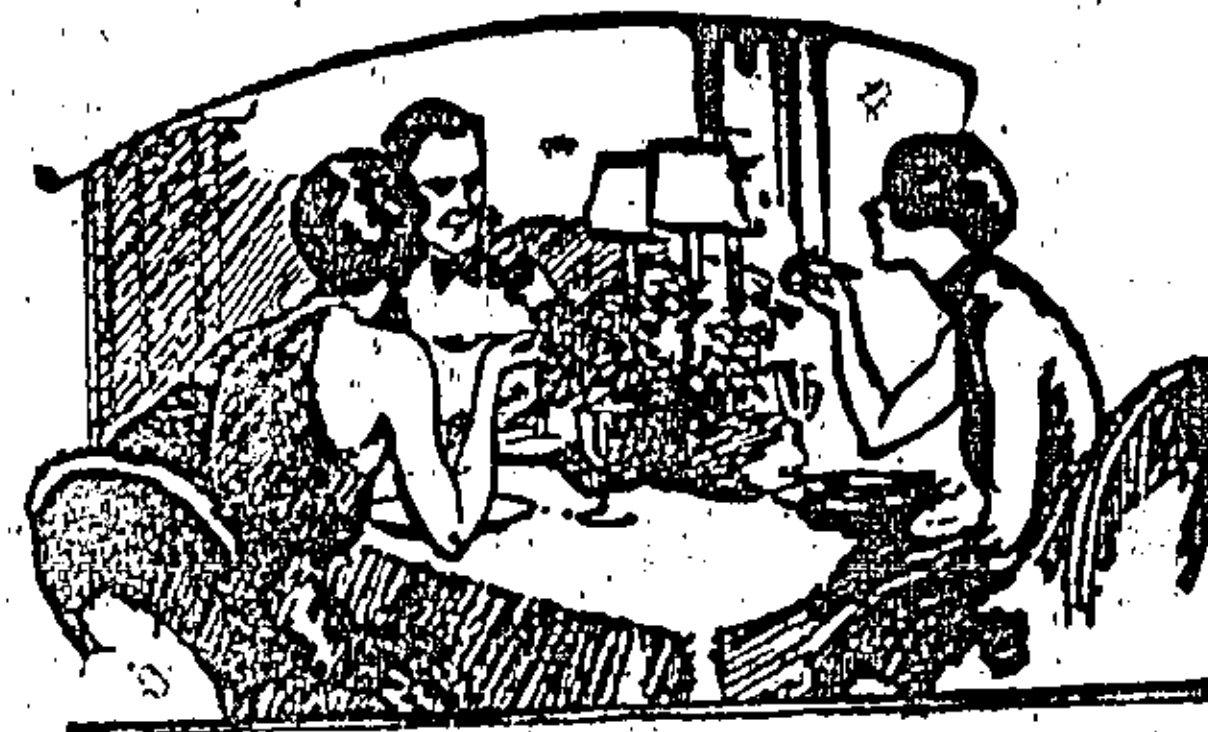
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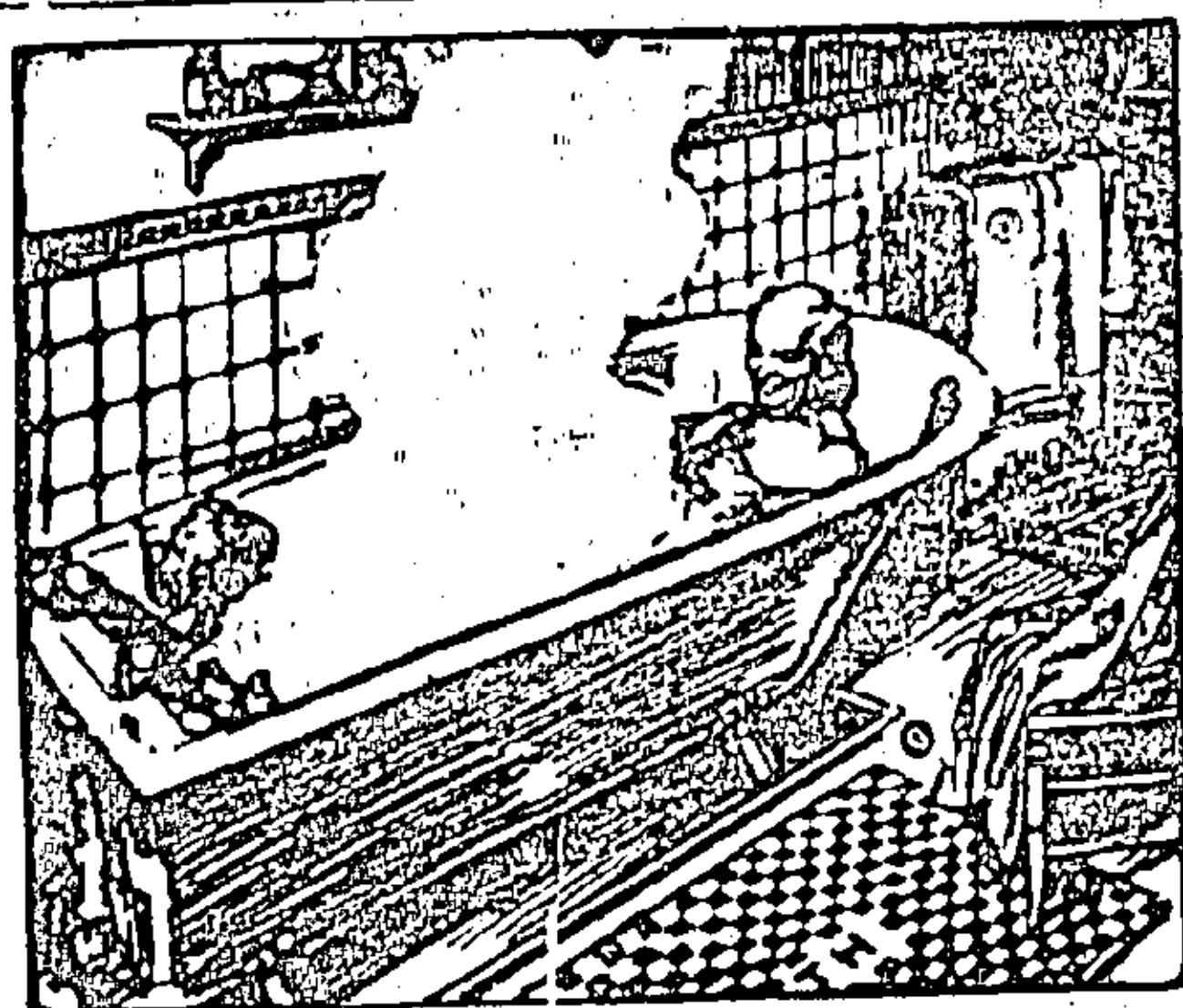
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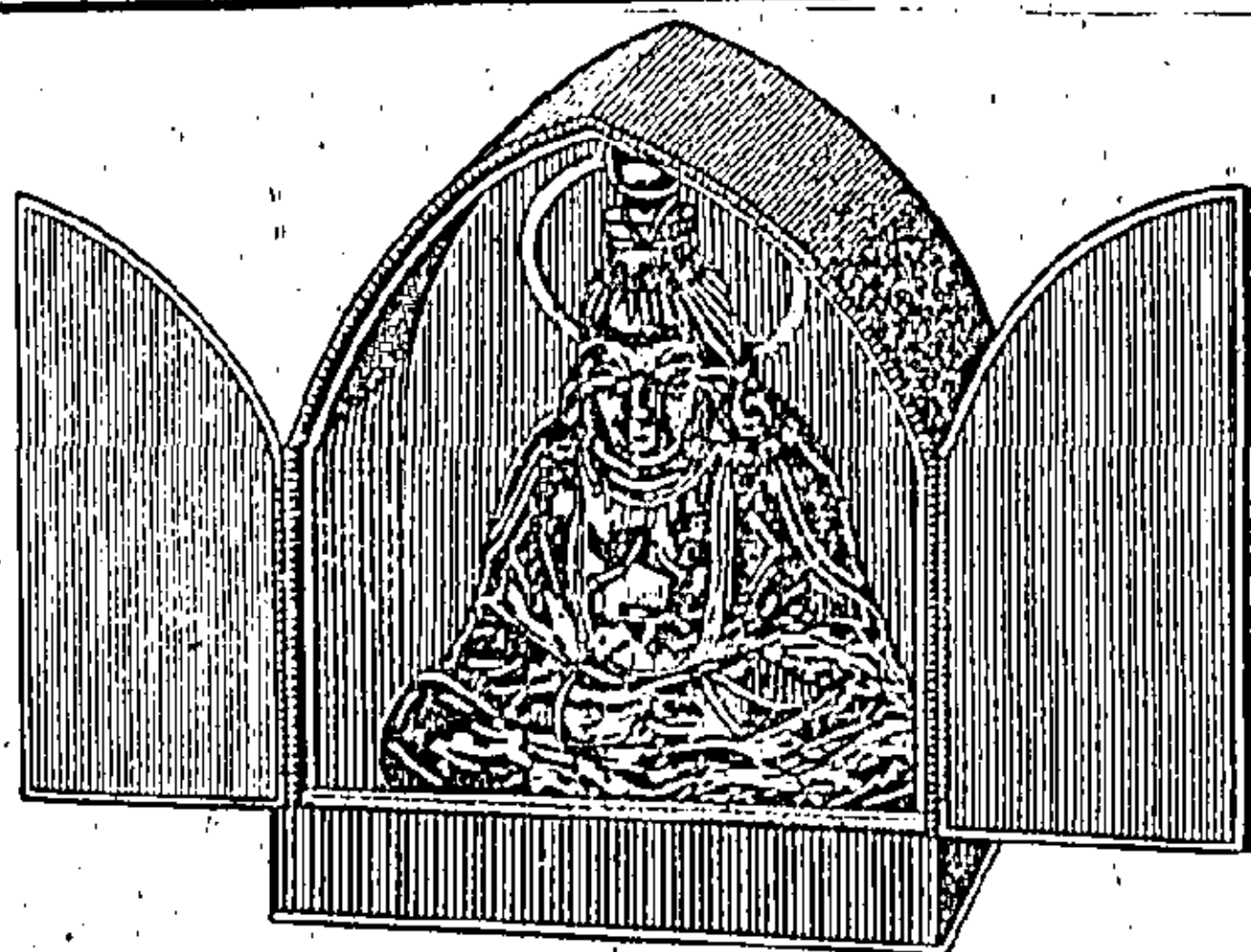
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CABARETS IN MINORITY.

Belgrade: No other Balkan capital has made so much material improvement since the war as Belgrade. Athens, to be sure, has grown more rapidly in population. But the bulk of the increase there has been due to the disaster of 1922 in Asia Minor, and the necessarily small and cheap houses built by and for the hapless refugees are for the most part anything but an adornment to the "violet-crowned" city of fables. Sofia has expanded leisurely in an unobtrusive, comfortably domestic sort of fashion, and the Bucharestians are only now beginning to construct really lofty buildings in the centre of what still remains a predominantly garden city of villas. Constantinople, superseded by Angora and denuded of much of its foreign population, has if anything "one back. But all these towns to a greater or lesser degree have treasured the ordinary attributes of capital cities, and at least they had not been subjected to bombardments by enemy artillery. Belgrade issued from the war as nothing much more than a large shell-shattered village.

There can be few towns of the same size where "the roses and raptures of vice" are more conspicuously absent. The cabarets, with which Vienna and Budapest teem, can be counted here on the fingers of one hand, and it is common knowledge that their proprietors are finding them anything but profitable. A most minute set of police regulations has just been issued governing the orderliness of these lifeless and wasteful establishments, and even the romantically minded young bachelor widower is now forbidden to have female servants under 30 years of age in his private employment. Not even the sunbath mania which crowded the banks of the Sava have escaped this rationalising legislation, and bathers seeking refreshment at a riverside cafe must henceforward hide their Zulu-like torsos in a becomingly decent two-piece costume.

If ever the Croats had a chance to dominate the young Trilava Kingdom it was in the first few months after the peace, while the Serbs were still reeling from the beatitudes and ravages of the war. But the Croats failed to grasp their opportunity, and it will indeed be strange if it ever recurs. It may be that a large measure of autonomy will be granted to the component provinces, but the fundamental unification and centralization of the whole administration have now been taken firmly in hand. With every year that passes Belgrade is more and more entrenched as the capital, and the confident realization of this fact is reflected in all the building and other improvements that are being carried out.

Few Ancient Buildings. There are many old towns the modernization of which is watched with a wistful regret. Little such regret need be felt in the case of Belgrade. Such ancient monuments as have a real historical or architectural interest are singularly few for so old a town. There is, for example, the fine fortress gate of the famous Prince Eugene of Savoy, who drove the Turks from the town in 1717—a feat of arms the bicentenary of which the Austrians, with a strange lack of tact, celebrated in 1917. There is the so-called "Roman" well, which was, as a matter of fact, constructed by an Austrian general of Swiss origin. There is the Nebotcha Koula, in which tower the Turks used to imprison the Serbs and from the walls of which Kara Mustapha Pasha hanged himself by Imperial orders after his failure before Vienna. There is the mosque of Barjak Diamina, the solitary survivor of all the mosques which were built during the long generations of the Turkish occupation. Above all there is the ancient fortress which dominates the vast sweeping confluence of the Danube and the Save, and which is supposed to have been originally constructed in the fourth century. The very character of these monuments is the best explanation why the list of antiquities is not greater.

Few towns in Europe have seen so many great hosts and have been the ground of so much fierce fighting. Not till 1897 did the town that had so long been the bridgehead of Islam in Europe, and not until November 1, 1918, did Belgrade at last know that security which has now been assured to it as the capital of the strongest State in the Balkan peninsula.

The New Buildings.

What has since been accomplished is no mean monument to the buoyant energy and confidence of the people. Many large banks

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"MICHAEL STROGOFF" IS A
BIG ATTRACTION.

Hongkong picture goers are offered a picture of exceptional interest at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday, the screen story "Michael Strogoff" from Jules Verne's "The Secret Courier" being the attraction. Packed houses saw the film yesterday and it is expected that seating accommodation will be well taxed during the few days the film is showing.

The spectacular adventures of Michael Strogoff are recorded in the picture with power and gripping interest. The story moves quickly and by reason of the fact that some of the parts are shown in colours, is extremely enjoyable to watch. Dramatic scenes follow one another quickly, and there are thrills galore.

As courier to Czar Alexander II, Michael Strogoff, played by Ivan Moskine, has to go on a mission from Moscow to Irkutsk to the Grand Duke. He is eventually captured by his enemies, is tortured and blinded, but nevertheless comes in at the end and saves the situation.

Some of the scenes are magnificent, an example being a ballroom scene in the Moscow palace. An engagement between Russian cavalry and Tartar barbarians is realistically fought. Another exciting scene is the burning of a small town by ignited oil.

One of the outstanding films that has been shown in Hongkong, "Michael Strogoff" is one that will appeal to the many, and all picture patrons are advised not to miss this excellent offering.

AMERICAN TAXES.

REDUCTION NOT AS MUCH
AS WAR EXPECTED.

Washington, Nov. 1. Mr. Mellon has recommended to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, that the prospective tax reduction should be limited to \$225,000,000. In view of the surplus of \$635,000,000 for the last fiscal year and a prospective surplus of \$455,000,000 for the current fiscal year, this figure is lower than was expected. Mr. Mellon insisted that the amount of the reduction should be determined by the surplus available in 1929, which he estimated at \$274,000,000. The programme included a reduction in Corporation tax from 13 1/2 to 12 per cent with exemption from taxation of income derived from American bankers' acceptances held by foreign central banks of issue. Mr. Mellon was opposed to any change in the remaining wartime excise and miscellaneous taxes. —Reuter's American Service.

Gottland, the great island in the Baltic, with its beautiful capital of Visby, the town of ruins and roasts, and once the commercial centre of Baltic trade, has now a new attraction which recalls the distinction of Pisa, in Italy. Jingslade, a garrison township, has an old church with a free-standing church steeple. Some years ago the ground under the steeple gave way, and the steeple is now leaning in a most unnatural way. Since then the tower has been an object of anxiety to all the parishioners, who have appealed repeatedly to the State authorities to get it repaired. The authorities, however, seem to have inconsiderately the matter and are confident that there is no further danger.

and business houses now line the principal streets. The new public offices are at once roomy and dignified. Lofty blocks of flats tower above the squat old one or two storeyed houses which serve to remind one what all Belgrade was in the recent past. From its peculiar topographical situation Belgrade lends itself with difficulty to a regular town-planning scheme, and perhaps there is still too much of the Turkish mentality surviving for adequate attention to have been paid to this characteristic of many modern towns. There appears to be little, if any, control over the style of architecture, and the result is a maelstrom of buildings wherein the French, neo-Munich, Russian, and Turkish styles all jostle one another with the most careless incongruity.

But by far the worst feature of the town is its paving. The paving of Belgrade is an unmistakable heritage of the Turkish occupation. Not till a foot passenger can be sure of crossing a street without springing his ankle, or till a motorist can be sure of returning home without a broken spring, can Belgrade be wholly beyond the range of Gallic witticisms.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

WHO OWNS THE X-RAY
FILM?

COURT CONTESTS.

When a patient goes to a hospital or to an X-ray laboratory at the suggestion of his physician and has X-ray pictures taken he is likely to think that he is entitled to a few pictures for himself, much as if he had visited the photographer.

However, the courts have made numerous decisions in the case of the usual photographer, having held that the negative is the property of the photographer, subject to certain restrictions.

Of course, everyone knows that a person who comes to a photographer expects to receive or purchase prints of the photograph and does not expect to receive any of the intermediate products of the process of manufacture.

Ordinarily of No Use.

On the other hand, it has never been established whether a person who has himself X-rayed expects to receive merely an opinion and advice, a copy of the picture, the original plate, or all of these things. Of course, the X-ray plate or even a print of it is useless to the ordinary person, since it requires special skill for its interpretation.

When an accident may be involved in a legal case, the presentation of the X-ray plate in court may be important. Some years ago the X-ray society of North America, known as the Radiological Society, adopted resolutions, that all pictures, photographs or other records were the property of the man who made them, or of the laboratory in which they were made.

There also arises some difficulty in determining whether the plate is to be controlled by the man who makes the picture or by the hospital in which the picture is made. A hospital may make such regulations as are necessary for efficient management. A part of such efficient management requires that the records of all cases, including the X-ray pictures, remain in the hospital.

There then arises the question as to whether or not a patient has the right to inspect his hospital record, including any X-ray picture that may have been taken, or whether he may take a copy of the record and of the pictures, provided he is willing to pay for them.

TANGIER TANGLE.

ITALY DEFENDS HER ACT.

Rome, Nov. 1. Sir. Tittoni, President of the Senate, in a statement to the Press, declared that the claims of France in Tangier were never recognised by anyone. Tangier does not belong to the French zone or the Shercean empire which is subject to the Franco-Italian agreement of 1916.

He recalled the Notes exchanged between himself and M. Briand, wherein the French Government declared that despite the war nothing was altered in regard to the rights enjoyed by Italy by virtue of her adhesion to the Franco-German Convention of November 4, 1911. He claimed that this confirmed that Tangier was excluded from the zone of Morocco in regard to which French rights were recognised. —Reuter.

AMITY AND COMMERCE.

NEW TREATY TO BE
NEGOTIATED.

Mexico City, Nov. 1. According to the newspaper *Universal Grafica*, the first important work which Mr. Dwight Morrow, the new American Ambassador to Mexico, will undertake, will be the negotiation of a new treaty of amity and commerce between Mexico and the United States. —Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER MARKET
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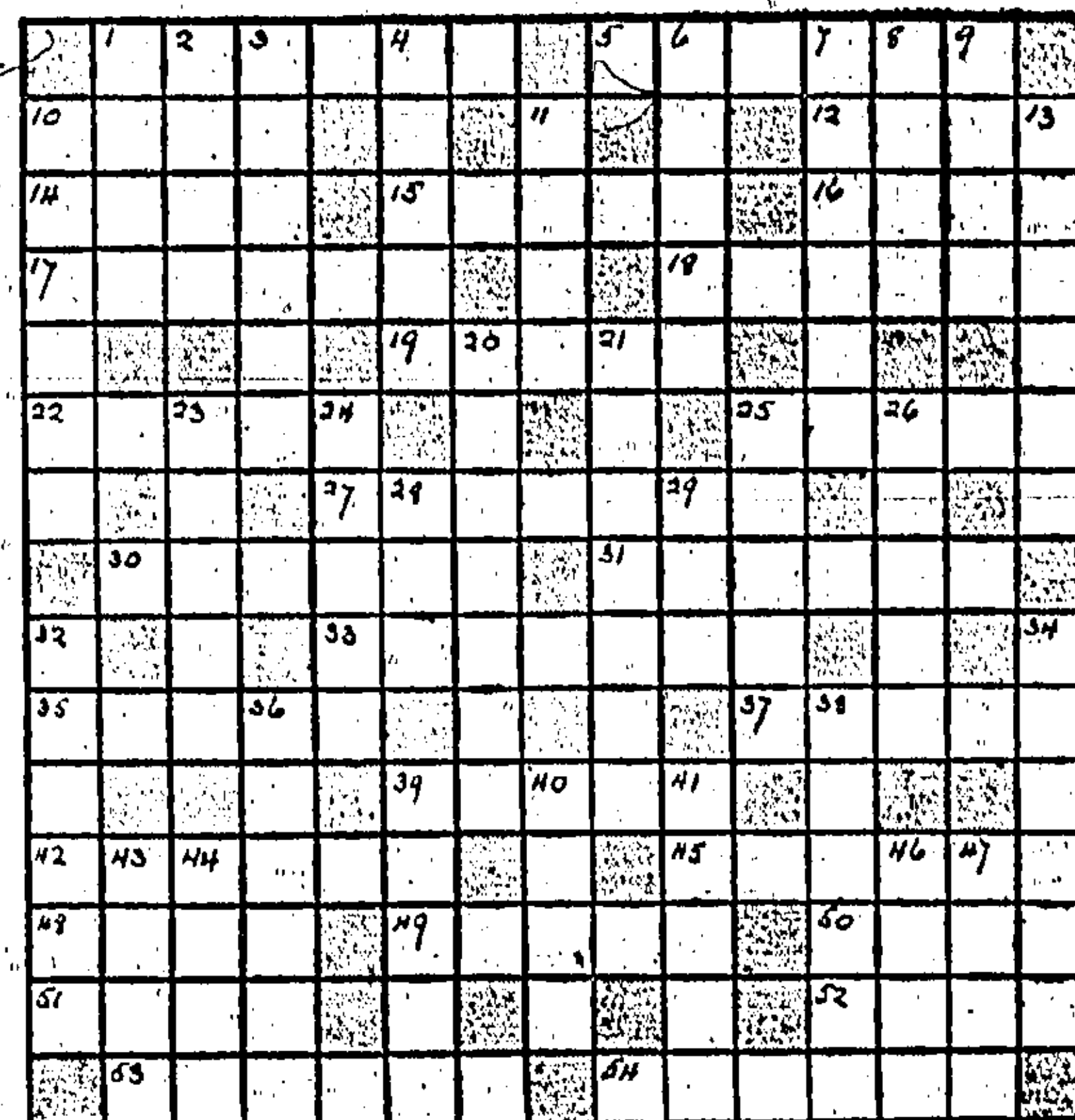
LATE HOME NEWS.

London, Oct. 25. Rubber shares are improving on the advance in the price of the commodity and the decline in stocks. The commodity price today was 16 1/2d.

The Account just closed discloses a substantial majority of advances during the period.

Herr Maximilian Harden has decided to resume the issue of his weekly paper *Die Zukunft*.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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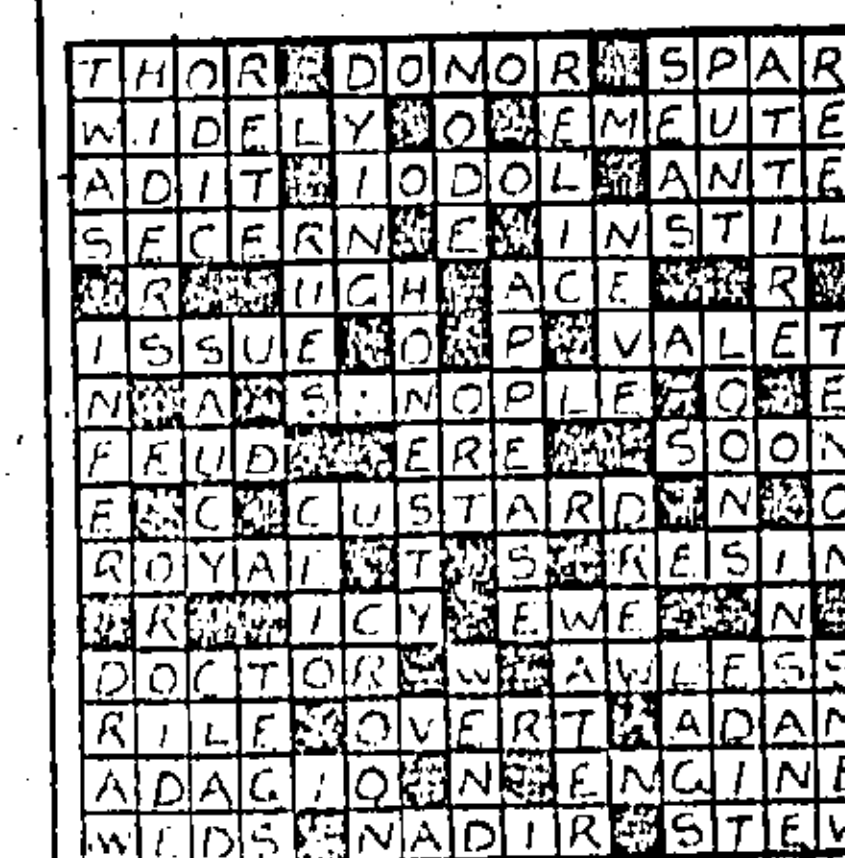
- 1 Highest point.
- 5 Put in order.
- 10 Permanent dwelling.
- 12 Mid-day.
- 14 Individual.
- 15 Swing.
- 16 Unaccompanied.
- 17 Become still.
- 18 Pecuniary punishment.
- 19 Kingly.
- 22 Round projecting parts.
- 25 Near.
- 26 Calumniate.
- 30 Agonies.
- 31 Rivulet.
- 33 Fortress.
- 35 Light meal.
- 37 Immerse.
- 39 Neckwear.
- 42 Cherry colour.
- 45 King of the fairies.
- 48 Principal.
- 50 Mathematical proposition.
- 51 Manufactured.
- 52 Otherwise.
- 53 Measure out.
- 54 Composition for six.

Down.

- 1 Belt.
- 2 Give out.
- 3 Irritate.
- 4 To soar.
- 6 Ingenious.
- 7 Loosen.
- 8 In a short time.
- 9 Narrated.
- 10 Move quickly.
- 11 Large mountain.

- 13 Required.
- 20 Expansive.
- 21 Apart.
- 23 Inferior tea.
- 24 Supply.
- 25 Lock-ups.
- 26 Spoken.
- 28 Portuguese coin.
- 29 Tip.
- 32 The soul.
- 34 Essential bones.
- 36 Rebukes.
- 38 Exercises.
- 39 Cloth.
- 40 Assists.
- 41 Tribunal.
- 43 Fishes.
- 44 Bring down.
- 46 Garden tool.
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DEATH

HILLIER.—At the French Hos-
pital, on Nov. 2nd, Peter Wil-
liam George Hillier, aged 11
months, the infant son of
W. R. Hillier, Harbour Office.
Funeral will pass the Monu-
ment at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1927.

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

There are one or two rather
important points of public in-
terest which arise from the fatal
house collapse which took place
at Shamshui during the typhoon
rains of August 20, and the
magisterial enquiry which was
held into the matter last week.

We have noticed in a con-
temporary comment on the matter
which is rather misleading,
although there are some vital
points arising to which the at-
tention of the public and Govern-
ment might well be directed. The

facts of the case were that the
outside wall of a house collapsed,
causing a general fall of floors,
etc. and the deaths of three
Chinese. It was stated in evidence
by Mr. H. J. Pearce, who is at
present acting Building Authority,
that the outside wall was not
really intended to be an outside
wall but only a party wall, and
that three years exposure to all
weathers had caused deterioration
to the so-called lime-mortar. The
plans were, of course, originally
passed by the Building Authority,
and the building was no doubt
inspected from time to time by
inspectors of the P. W. D. and no
bad work was discovered. It
must be remembered that there
is no obligation on the part of
the P. W. D. to inspect buildings
in the course of erection, although
there are certain standards and
qualities of materials specified to
which contractors are supposed
to conform. And if a P. W. D.
inspector finds that a contractor
is using inferior materials then
he can cause a prosecution to be
made against the offender as is
frequently done, but, if, after a
building has been erected and the
Building Authority has issued an
occupation certificate, and if after
three years of weather exposure
a lime-mortar party wall collapses,
it is manifestly unfair to blame
the P. W. D. officials. We think that
in that regard our contemporary
was guilty of an unwarranted
conclusion.

We would argue, however, that
the law in the matter of buildings
ought to be much more explicit,
because it is no secret that some
architects do not give close en-

ough supervision to the work of
contractors under them and that
lime-dusted mud, with scarcely
any adhesive power, goes into a
building under the euphonism
"lime-mortar." There are many
who hold that lime mortar should
be prohibited altogether, or else
the Government itself should un-
dertake the thorough supervision
of all building work—a step which
would obviously entail a very
large increase in the personnel
of the P. W. D. At the moment,
the Department's inspectors' look
out for bad materials and take
action where they find them, but
it is obvious that they cannot
supervise the whole of the building
work in the Colony. Supervision
is an architect's duty, but, curi-
ously enough, it would appear that
in law the owner of a defectively-
built house is the responsible
person. We cannot help but
sympathise with an owner who
pays a fair price to a contractor
and engages an architect to
supervise and yet who is vic-
timised by the contractor through
non-supervision by the architect.
It is suggested that architects
should be made legally responsible
for the work for which they sub-
mit plans to the P. W. D., and,
failing the Government's decision
to take over all supervision work,
such a suggestion would seem to
be the only way of getting a
guarantee of good work. It is
well-known that a certain class
of contractors cannot be trusted.
Of course, there has been a great
decrease in the number of house
collapses since the introduction
of the present Public Health and
Building Ordinance in 1903, but
there will always remain the dan-
ger of inferior work until some
qualified authority is made legally
responsible for it. It would be
interesting if the Government
would publish details as to the
extent of the supervision at pre-
sent exercised by the P. W. D., and
if the exact position of owners,
architects and contractors were
made plainer than now seems to
be the case.

The Chinese Post Office.

There is probably a great deal
in the suggestion, which has been
made at Shanghai, that the National-
ist Government of Nanking
desires to take over entire working
of the Chinese postal system short-
ly, first eliminating the foreign
directors and other employees. In
this the Nationalist administration
would be following the line planned
for the Customs service, which it
is known the Chinese desire to have
entirely under their control. The
whole subject is also bound up with
the misjudged and mistimed agitation
for "self-government," if one
may call it that, which is pervading
China these days, whereby every
activity with which foreigners are
associated is sought to be "purged."
There is a good deal of the "unequal
treaties" foolishness connected with
these and related matters which are
agitating the half-baked politicians
of China, so that every student de-
sires to have the least suggestion of
outside control definitely abolished.

But the men higher up have a clear-
er conception of the issues in-
volved, and they see more than
mere politics in the schemes for as-
suming sole responsibility. Both
the Customs and the post office are
organisations of the revenue-pro-
ducing type. The former happens
to be a safeguard for certain for-
eign loan services. The latter is
not so hedged around, and apparently
offers easier plucking. It has to
be recalled that the Chinese postal
system as it stands to-day was or-
ganised by foreigners, and only
within recent years passed out of
practical foreign administration.
That it still pays its way is prob-
ably owing to the fact that a cer-
tain amount of this direction by
foreigners remains. With the en-
tire nationalisation of the postal
service China would be faced with
the likelihood of a steady deteriora-
tion of the system, owing to the
likelihood of control passing into
the hands of administrators with
one intention—the exaction of as
much as can be squeezed out of Post
Office revenues. One northern
paper sees therein the inevitable
ruination of the postal service, first
by a gradual overtaking of savings
by expenditure, and then a collapse
when the revenue-producing ma-
chinery suffers a breakdown. It is
to be feared that this conclusion is
the inevitable one. It is not a prom-
ising outlook for trade and other
interests will be considerably affect-
ed by disorganisation of the posts
similarly to the purely Chinese tele-
graphs; yet in recent events up
north we are undoubtedly being
shown the writing on the wall.

DAY BY DAY.

THIS EARTH IS OUR INN, NOT OUR
HOME.—J. H. Vincent.

One Chinese imported case of
diphtheria and one Chinese case
of enteric, were reported yester-
day.

The Yellow Dragon, the Queen's
College magazine, has again made
its appearance containing a mass
of school news and several interest-
ing articles.

Although entering in ballast
from Canton, the s.s. Deli Maru
reports that she is carrying 200
cases of spirit under the heading
of dangerous cargo.

It is announced by the Royal
Naval Ordnance Department that
unserviceable cordite will be
burnt at Stonecutters Island on
Friday evening next.

The woman, who jumped into
the street from the third floor of
No. 7 Cross Street, in the course
of a police raid, died at the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital yester-
day.

Public motor car No. 329 ran
into a Chinese girl, age 14, in
Queen's Road West yesterday.
The girl received injuries which
necessitated her removal to the
Government Civil Hospital.

A musicale will be held at the
Helena May Institute on Thursday,
November 10, at 5.30 p.m. A pro-
gramme of "Folk Music" will be
given. Tickets are to be booked at
the Secretary's office. Teas may
be had from 4 p.m. onwards.

The Harbour Office report of the
s.s. Van Houtz from Deli and
Singapore, states that of 2,133
Asian deck passengers, one died
en route and was "thrown in the
sea." The same ship reports the
birth of a male child.

According to a report made to
the police, Mrs. P. Kerr of No.
302, The Peak, was attacked yes-
terday afternoon whilst walking
along Garden Road, by three Chi-
nese, who stole a gold wrist watch
and a gold bracelet valued at \$80.

The Royal Observatory reports
that the anti-cyclone is now cen-
tral over the Eastern Sea. A de-
pression has formed over N.E.
Japan. Moderate monsoon may
be expected over the China Sea.
The forecast locally is: E. winds,
moderate; fine.

The vernacular press states that
in view of the present money mar-
ket, crisis in Canton, the Canton
Government has decided to pay
back in cash, two million dollars
of the ten millions Government
Treasury Bonds, which were issued
some time ago.

Workers of the Chinese section
of the Canton-Kowloon railway
have sent an appeal to the Canton
Government asking for an increase
of wages, similar to the increase
recently given to the workers of the
Canton-Shanghai railway. The
Canton Government is considering
the matter.

The record of rainfall during
the month of October, at the Bot-
anic Gardens, shows that 6.46
inches fell during the month, the
heaviest fall being on the 11th
when 2.53 inches fell. Rain fell
on only seven days of the month,
and there has been no rainfall
since the 12th.

Pictures showing in the local
cinemas for the last time to-day
are "The Dark Angel" at the World
Theatre, with Ronald Coman and
Vilma Banky as the leading play-
ers; and "The Splendid Crime" at
the Star Theatre, with Bebe
Daniels playing the role of a
lovable girl crook.

As will be seen by an advertise-
ment elsewhere in this issue, the
Italian Convent, Caine Road, is
holding its annual bazaar on Sat-
urday and Sunday next. The bazaar
will be opened by Mrs. W. T.
Southern, and there will be all
manner of attractions in the mat-
ter of side shows.

The theft of \$600 from a box
which was placed behind the bar
of the Officers' Club of the Royal
Naval Yard, was yesterday re-
ported to the police by the No. 1
bar-boy. The money was the
property of the Club and was
given to the boy to settle some
accounts. Two coolies employed
by the club have been missing
since the theft.

A delayed Harbour Office report
of the Swedish vessel Atlantic,
states that she was carrying 1,600
tons of coal for local discharge
and 3,000 tons of coal for Canton,
from Chinwantao. This is the
vessel which was fired on whilst
unloading at Whampoa some few
days ago. Her report this morn-
ing states that she is in ballast
from Canton, and it is therefore
presumed that discharge was com-
pleted without further interfer-
ence.

EXCITING OPIUM RAID.

REVENUE OFFICER'S HARD STRUGGLE.

The story of a fight in pitch
darkness on a floor at Jardine's
Bazaar, Causeway Bay, was told
at the Central Police Court this
morning when a Chinese was
charged with preparing illicit
opium.

Senior Revenue Officer George
Watt stated that on information
received he went last night to
No. 25, Jardine's Bazaar, and made
a surprise entry into the first floor.
It was then shortly after ten
o'clock, and two men were caught
in the act of preparing something
in a large pan set over a chatty.
The officer said that he pinioned
the head of one of the men under
his arm and, with his other hand,
undevoted to seize the other,
but the latter eluded his hold and
ran away.

The officer soon discovered that
it was all he could manage to do
to retain his hold on the first man.
The captive was a Hoklo of sturdy
build. He struggled and fought,
and the fight lasted for fully a
quarter of an hour, in pitch dark-
ness. While being careful not to
injure the prisoner, S. R. O. Watt
had to use all his resourcefulness.
At length he was enabled to twist
the loose collar of the man's jacket
around his neck and kept it in that
position in a sort of strangle hold,
which proved to be effective.

Almost choked, the prisoner
allowed himself to be led out to
the officer's car. In the street,
having recovered his breath some-
what, the prisoner put up a last
struggle, and it was with some
relief that S. R. O. Watt at length
had assistance from another Euro-
pean, Mr. Fowler, of Jardine's
Sugar Refinery, who arrived from
his quarters nearby on hearing the
commotion. The prisoner was
then taken to the Police Station.
Being charged before Mr. R. E.
Lindsell this morning with pre-
paring illicit opium, he was sen-
tenced to four months' hard
labour.

EXTREMISTS SHOT IN CANTON.

HOW A PLOT WAS FRUSTRATED.

A daring plot to attack the
Public Safety Bureau, in Canton,
on the part of extremist labour
leaders was frustrated on Friday
last, and as a result, more than
ten persons were ordered by Gen.
Li Chai-sum to be shot, says the
local vernacular press.

The Public Safety Bureau re-
ceived information that the labour
extremists were organising an at-
tack on the Bureau for the sole
purpose of setting free a few of
the imprisoned extremists who
are confined in the premises.

The Police were sent to patrol
the streets, especially the Wai Ol
Maloo, in which the Bureau is
situated and at 11 o'clock on Fri-
day evening all pedestrians were
subject to a thorough search.
This had the effect of preventing
any attempt by the labourers to
stir up further trouble and
nothing of an alarming nature
took place.

In order to put an end to labour
disturbances, General Li Chai-
sum, it is said, ordered more than
ten of the prisoners in the Public
Safety Bureau to be shot. The
executions took place on Saturday
morning.

STOLEN SHARK'S FINS.

THREE MEN SENTENCED.

A fine of \$10 or in default four-
teen days' imprisonment was the
sentence passed by Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell on each of three Chinese who
were charged jointly with the
theft of two catfish of shark's fins
from a shopkeeper at No. 2A,
Eastern Street.

In answer to the Magistrate,
Inspector Grant, who was pro-
secuting, said that the second and
third defendants were employed in
the shop. The second defendant
stole the stuff, handed it to the
third defendant, who in turn threw
it into the street, so that the first
defendant could gather it up.

All three men pleaded guilty to
the charge and were sentenced as
stated above.

DEATH OF A GERMAN PRINCE.

RESULT OF MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Berlin, Nov. 1.
Prince George Wilhelm Von
Schoenfeld-Carolath, the second
son of the ex-Kaiser's second wife,
Hermine, by her former husband,
has died in hospital at Gruenberg,
Silesia, as the result of a motor-
cycle smash.—Reuter.

The Very Idea!

It was reported later that her
husband was on his way to the
Hall of Justice to boil her out.—
San Francisco Examiner.

The man with the largest feet in
Great Britain has been discovered.
During Carnival week in
Spennymoor a boot firm exhibited
in their windows a pair of boots,
size 18, weighing 7 lb. 6 oz., and
stated that they would be presented
to anyone whom they would fit.

These boots have been exhibited
up and down the country for 16
years without finding a claimant,
but at Spennymoor a claimant was
forthcoming in Thomas Roper, a
bricklayer, aged 35, residing at 3
East Parade, Sedgfield.

Roper, whose height is 6 ft. 9
ins., on trying on the boots, actually
declared they were a bit tight for
him.

Mr. Bingley, Marylebone magis-
trate, reading a doctor's certificate:
"Lumbar spondylitis"—what on earth
is that? Policeman: A "strained
back."

A manufacturer's agent, fined at
North London Police Court for
drunkenness, had in his possession
when arrested five £10 notes,
twenty-four £5 notes, four £1
notes, a gold watch, a cheque for
£100, and a broken umbrella.

Mr. Mead, Marlborough-street
magistrate, of a man accused of
drunkenness: Did he give any ad-
dress? Policeman: He did, your
worship, from the refuge in the
middle of the road.

Wilkesden man, summoned for
not keeping his dog under control:
He has just eaten a two-guinea
volume of Kipling. That will show
you the sort of dog he is.

Recorder at Nottingham Quarter
Sessions: Kissing and cuddling is
only "natural" between lads and
lasses.

Schoolboy howlers:—
Mary Queen of Scots was mar-
ried to the Dolphin of France.

"Polygamy" is a thing with many
sides to it.

The opposite of practical is
political.

The Plimsoll mark is made by
rubber shoes when it is wet.

Derivation of "hypothosis"—
Hippocampus; thesis placing; put-
ting something on a horse.

Ethelred, too, invented the dolo-
rum sum paid to the Danes.

Tributaries of the Nile—
Juveniles.

Profiteering began when the
whale seized all the prophet there
was in sight.

The world is full of unthankful-
ness.—Mr. J. A. R. Cairns.

Do not try to deceive the public.
If you swindle them they will
never come again.—Mr. G. H.
Downing.

We must not have women as Sun-
day school leaders who say "We
can't bear these short skirts."
Miss Florence M. Hunt.

The inebriated individual halted
before a solitary tree and regarded
it as intently as he could, with the
result that he saw two trees. His
attempt to pass between these re-
sulted in a near concussion of the
brain.

He recoiled back, but presently
sighted carefully, and tried again,
with the like result. When this
had happened a half-dozen times,
the unhappy man lifted up his
voice and wept.

"Lost, lost!" he sobbed. "Hope-
lessly lost in an impenetrable
forest."

The Cairns Bowling Club was
convulsed with laughter recently,
when one of the vice-presidents ex-
tended a very hearty welcome to a
member of the South Brisbane
Club, who was visiting the green.

The vice-president elaborately ex-
patriated on the many virtues of
the metropolitan clubs, but when
the visitor was at length called upon
to respond, it was discovered that
he was not in the circle addressed.

The Brisbane bowler later turned
up, but the vice-president declined
to repeat his eulogies and
panegyric.

"What a pretty name your maid
has!" remarked the visitor.

"Oh, that isn't her real name,"
was the reply; "we call her 'Dawn'
because she's always breaking!"

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 1.
Paris	124.10
Brussels	34.05
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	20.89
Copenhagen	18.17
Vienna	34.40 1/2
Helsingfors	19.84
Lisbon	27.16
Bucharest	7.90
Buenos Aires	47.25/32
Shanghai	2.05 1/2
Yokohama	1.10.16/18
New York	4.86 1/2
Gonova	25.25
Milan	89 1/2
Stockholm	18.09
Oslo	18.40 1/2
Prague	10.44
Madrid	28.51 1/2
Athens	8.05 1/2
Bombay	5.29/32
Hongkong	5.16/18
Silver (spot and forward)	2.0 1/2

—British Wireless.

SANDAKAN LIGHT AND POWER CO.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT IS MAINTAINED.

FUTURE EXTENSION.

The annual meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Company Limited was held at the office of Messrs. Shevan Tomes, this morning. Those present were Mr. R. G. Shevan, (Chairman), Messrs. J. P. Braga and C. A. da Rosa (Consulting Committee), Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—

Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. D. W. Manton, Mr. J. Toppin, Mr. Tse Tsan-tai, Mr. F. J. Tanvres, Mr. Allan Keith, and Mr. A. A. Botelho.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting and the auditor's report, the chairman said, "Gentlemen, The report and accounts for our financial year ending on 30th June last having been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your permission, now take them as read."

The profit carried to Profit and Loss Account for the year is \$29,962.10, which is a considerable improvement on last year, and after deducting Consulting Committee's and Auditors' fees, writing off \$7,109.52 from the value of the Concession, and deducting \$24,765.25 for depreciation of buildings, plant and machinery, etc., there remains a debit balance of \$3,076.92 transferred to the debit of General Profit and Loss, as per balance sheet. We have dealt liberally with depreciation on this occasion, although that has turned our profit into a small loss, but we feel sure that shareholders will agree with us that, in providing for necessary depreciation, irrespective of the incidence of profit or loss, we are following a sound policy.

Improved Business.

The plant and machinery have been kept in the highest state of efficiency out of earnings, and I am again pleased to be able to report a gradual and steady improvement in the business of our Company. The year under review has shown a marked increase in our output, the total units sold for lighting having increased by 27,000 units, and that for power by 25,000 units above the totals for the preceding financial year. This improvement, I am pleased to say, is still being maintained.

Electric cooking has lately been introduced, and by giving a favourable rate for power current, it has been found that the services of a domestic servant can be dispensed with. This is a great advantage in a place like British North Borneo, where the servant question has so far been rather a difficult one.

Last year I mentioned the prospects we had of getting a steady demand for power from the Government pumping station, and I am now pleased to be able to inform you that the waterworks scheme for the town of Sandakan has been approved by the Government. Electricity will be the motive power. The site for the pumping station is situated near the 4th Milestone on the North Road. Here, also, is situated the Batu Lima Rubber Estate, and we hope that, when our lines are run out as far as the pumping station, the proprietors of the rubber estate will see their way to installing motors for driving the rubber-machinery. Beyond this point the country is being rapidly opened up for the planting of rubber, and we anticipate quite a useful load from this area in the not very distant future.

Concession Extension.

Gentlemen, you will be pleased to hear that, after a certain amount of negotiations, the Government of British North Borneo has expressed its willingness to grant us an extension of 10 years to our Concession, but this is subject to the consent of the Board of Governors in London, to whom the draft Concession has been sent for approval. This, if granted, will extend our Concession till the last day of February, 1949. This extension also carries with it a considerably extended area of operations, which will allow us to extend our mains to the 15th milestone on the North Road as against only six miles from the centre of the town heretofore.

In conclusion, I may mention that, as our Articles of Association are somewhat out-of-date, it has been decided to adopt fresh Articles, which will in due course be laid before you for your approval.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Re-elections.

This was seconded by Mr. C. A. da Rosa and was carried unanimously.

Mr. D. W. Manton proposed and Mr. J. Toppin seconded, the re-election of Mr. C. A. da Rosa and the confirmation of Mr. J. P. Braga as members of the Consulting Committee for the present year.

SHANGHAI CHINESE STOWAWAYS.

"UNAWARE" PLEA FAILS.

Two Shanghai Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, on a charge of stowing away from Shanghai on board the Empress of Asia.

The defendants pleaded that they had been assisting the pantry boy and were not aware that the ship had left the wharf.

On it being stated that the men were found in the starboard forward rope locker, twenty minutes after leaving Shanghai, the defendants said that on realising that the vessel had departed they had to hide to prevent the officers from finding them on board.

His Worship asked if they could not have been taken back to Shanghai by the pilot, as they were found twenty minutes after leaving, but it was stated that the pilot had refused to take the men back to port.

Fines of \$25 each were imposed.

RETURNED BANISHEE CONVICTED.

RESUMES LIFE OF CRIME.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, with aiding and abetting a boy to steal a purse from a pedestrian.

In effect, the charge was that he taught the boy the art of picking pockets, and was actually arrested while supervising operations from a distance.

He denied the charge, even after being confronted with his own written confession, made when formally charged by the Inspector.

Sub-Inspector Vincent said that the man had a previous conviction and was banished, in May 1919, for a long period.

For his connection with the present larceny charge, defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and, for returning from banishment, he received a further six months, with 20 strokes of the birch.

P. AND O. CAPITAL.

THE DIRECTORS UPHOLD.

London, Nov. 1. Eminent Counsel, including Sir John Simon, have unanimously agreed that the Directors of the P. and O. Company put the true construction on the Company's charter at the meeting held on September 14th, and that the resolution will consequently have to be re-submitted. —*Reuter.*

It will be recalled that at the September meeting, opposition was offered by stockholders to the proposed increase of capital. Lord Inchcape, presiding said that the company's charter had not left them any option in the matter.

An amendment was carried by 44 to 38 in favour of an adjournment, to enable the board to consider the deferred stockholders' views.

Lord Inchcape called for a poll, but subsequently announced that the meeting would be adjourned.

SOVIET EXECUTIONS.

ENGLISHMAN DENIES SPY ASSOCIATIONS.

London, Nov. 1. Mr. Charnock, the Englishman accused of being associated in a conspiracy campaign in Russia, in connexion with the Russian recently tried and found guilty, and condemned to death, in an interview affirms most solemnly that neither of the brothers Prove, nor Korepanoff, nor the 20 other executed victims, was ever employed by him as a spy. —*Reuter.*

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Liangchow, Van Heutz, Aeneas, President McKinley, President Jefferson, Haiching, Kwangsang, Linan, City of Perth, Swale, Portnos, Hiram, Hwangsang, Hellos, Bellerophon, Theseus, Hessen, Hukozaki Maru, Tenyo Maru, Hosi Maru, Tokushima Maru, La Plata Maru, Atlantic and Tjilewong.

This proposition was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Tse Tsan-tai, seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho it was unanimously decided to re-elect Messrs. Leve, Bingham and Matthews, Leve, Messers. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$250 each per annum.

This was all the business, and the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance.

ABOLITION OF TRADE BARRIERS.

NEW ARTICLE FOUND NECESSARY.

CONCLUSION EXPECTED.

Geneva, Nov. 1.

A statement by Heer Colijn, former Premier of the Netherlands, presiding at the trade barriers conference, shows that owing to two irreconcilable currents of opinion it has been found essential to draft articles for a new convention regarding the abolition of import and export restrictions and prohibitions, in such a manner as to provide for both normal and abnormal circumstances.

It has become necessary to insert a new article allowing certain States to sign the convention with reservations, and a new difficulty has arisen from this, as the representatives of some distant countries desired to consider the position owing to other countries, not so distant, being able to submit reservations.

In order to prevent the indefinite continuance of reservations, States are entitled to withdraw from the convention until the end of 1930, if they feel that the subsequent maintenance of reservations is detrimental to their interests.

Heer Colijn considers that the position is better than it was last week, and the convention is likely to be signed at the week-end. —*Reuter.*

PERMANENT TEXTILE EXHIBITION.

A SCHEME FOR LONDON.

London, Nov. 1.

An interesting development in the textile world is a movement, now well advanced, for the establishment of a permanent exhibition in London.

The exhibition, which is to include textiles of all kinds, is to be international in scope, and has behind it some of the largest firms in the trade.

The announcement of the scheme will probably be made within a few weeks. —*British Wireless.*

RE-ELECTED.



Mustafa Kemal Pasha has been re-elected President of the Turkish Republic.

DOG LICENSING.

What Thing?

I'm only a poor, lone woman, With a dog of the same weak sex, And reading this new Regulation Has caused my soul to vex.

Maybe the big Superintendent Thinks its only we females that bite? Maybe he thinks its only the women That carouse around at night?

But the question as to why my poor "lady" Who never dares leave her home, Should be charged at the rate of six dollars!

When the "men-folks" for three, can roam?

I always take good care to muzzle my dog, Keep her on a leash, when we walk abroad;

So ye Powers that Be, have pity on me, And do away with that extra fee!

(Mrs.) E. A. Z. Y. MARK.

PROMISSORY NOTE CLAIM.

JUDGE COMMENTS ON HIGH INTEREST.

In the Summary Court this morning before the Puisne Judge, Mr. J. R. Wood, the Tung Tak firm, charcoal dealers, 11, Ship Street, ground floor, sued Leung Yuk-tin, c/o the Tung Sun firm, of Kennedy Street, for \$159.33, being \$100 principal and \$59.33 interest, due for money lent under a promissory note dated May 18, 1925. Mr. W. D. Owen was for the plaintiffs and Mr. D. McCallum defended.

Mr. McCallum said he had no further instructions in the matter and asked for the defendant's name to be called. This was done but the man did not appear.

The proprietor of the plaintiff firm gave evidence as to his lending the money. He had known the defendant for seven months before he advanced the money and did so because the defendant had pressing obligations.

His Lordship remarked that the interest, 24 per cent., seemed rather high.

Mr. Owen replied that as far as the interest was concerned the defendant had written out the note himself which suggested that he was willing for that amount to be charged.

In reply to His Lordship, plaintiff said he had lent the defendant money on one previous occasion but that sum had been paid back.

Judgment was given for the amount claimed with costs.

NEW ARRIVAL IN LOCAL WATERS.

BLUE FUNNEL S.S. ORESTES.

A new arrival in Chinese waters was registered this morning, in the motor vessel Orestes of the Blue Funnel Line, from Liverpool and Singapore.

This ship, which is making her first appearance here, was built to the order of the Ocean Steamship Company (A. Holt and Co.) by Messrs. Workman Clarke and Company of Belfast in 1926. Her dimensions are length 459.6 feet, beam 58.4 feet and moulded depth, 32.6 feet, with a gross tonnage of 7,882 and net tonnage of 4,338.

She is oil-engined, with Burmeister and Wain equipment of 16 cylinders, developing 1,304 N.H.P.

The master of the vessel is Captain G. A. Flynn and she carries a crew of 53 British. Arriving this morning with a fair cargo for local discharge and ports beyond, she berthed at Holts Wharf.

KILLED BY PIGS.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

A Chinese woman, aged 68, living in an unnumbered hut in Kowloon, City, met her death in an unusual manner, according to a report made to the police.

It appears that the woman attempted to separate two pigs which were fighting. The pigs ceased fighting and attacked the woman, biting her so seriously that death occurred before help could arrive.

The body of the unfortunate woman was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary and the two pigs were removed to Matakook for observation.

MURDERERS HANGED.

END OF SHAIKIWAN TRAGEDY.

The two Chinese, named Kam Shun and Cheng Tsank, who were convicted of the murder of Mrs. C. Mackay, on the Chaiwan Road, Shaikwan, on August 7, paid the extreme penalty this morning, when they were hanged at Victoria Gaol.

The usual magisterial enquiry will be held this afternoon.

PAKHOI PIRATES.

DESPATCH OF FRENCH GUNBOAT.

Haiphong, Oct. 30. The gunboat Malicieuse has been ordered to Pakhoi, which, for the last two days, has been the objective of an attack by a piratical band, and is but weakly defended by a force of regular soldiers. —*Indo-Pacific.*

INFERIOR QUALITY MORTAR.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR FINED.

WORK TO BE DEMOLISHED.

An order for the demolition of No. 255, Kowloon Tong, which has been half completed, was made by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when the contractor, Chu Kee, was convicted of using lime mortar of an inferior quality to that required for the erection of houses under the Building Ordinance.

Mr. P. C. Morgan, who prosecuted said that the mortar, of which he had taken a sample, was tested, and broke at eight to nine and a half pounds, being five pounds below the required strength.

Asked why the mortar was below strength, Mr. Morgan replied that it was possible that the earth used was of an inferior quality. It was difficult to say exactly what was wrong with the mortar. The contractors themselves had no means of testing the strength of mortar unless they let it set and then applied the test.

The defendant was fined \$50, and was ordered to demolish the house to the satisfaction of the P.W.D.

\$3,000,000 PROPERTY DEAL.

LAND COMPANY BUYS PRINCE'S BUILDING.

The big block of business premises known as Prince's Building, bordered by Des Voeux Road Central, Ice House Street, Chater Road, and Statue Square, was sold yesterday to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd., for \$3,000,000, the vendors being the Prince's Building and Land Co., Ltd. It is interesting to note that the price the vendors paid for the block, five years ago, was \$250,000 less, so the increase in the value of the property, despite the passing of the boom of a few years back, has been a quarter of a million dollars, an indication of the steady rise of land estate in Hongkong.

The site of the block is reclaimed land, on which the local pioneers, the late Sir Paul Chater and Mr. N. Mody, had the building erected. The premises passed later into the possession of the Central Estates, Ltd., and in 1922 were sold to Messrs. H. Nemazee and J. E. Joseph, who formed the Prince's Building and Land Company.

MOSQUITO-BREEDING CHARGE.

LAND-OWNER SUMMONED.

Mr. Li Ping of No. 10, High Street, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to comply with a Sanitary Board notice requiring him to abate a nuisance by clearing away water pools on certain lots in Peiho Street, thus preventing the breeding of mosquitoes.

The defendant said that the barrels in which the water had accumulated did not belong to him but were the property of the lessors.

It was stated that the nuisance had been abated since the summons was issued, a number of holes in the ground being also filled in.

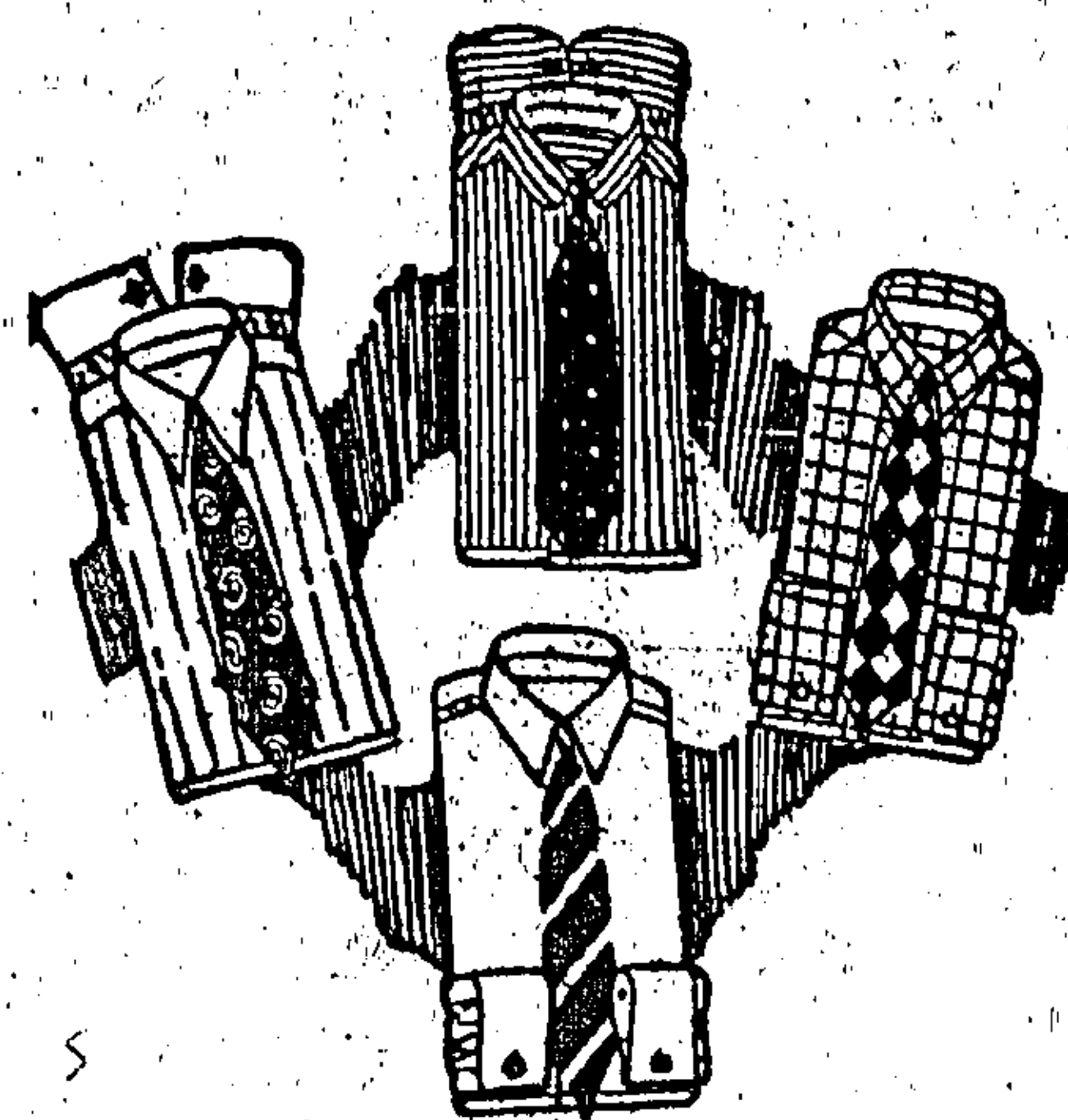
The defendant was discharged, an order being made that he level the ground to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Board to prevent any further nuisance, while Mr. Li was also requested to furnish the names and addresses of the lessors in the event of any future trouble.

TROOPSHIP DELAY.

DUE TO BAD STOWAGE AT SHANGHAI.

With regard to the delay in departure of the troopship Bellerophon, which left for Home yesterday with reservists, and the 38th M. T. Co., we are informed by the military authorities to-day that the postponement from Sunday was incorrectly attributed to difficulty with the six-wheeler Morris cars which were also taken on board.

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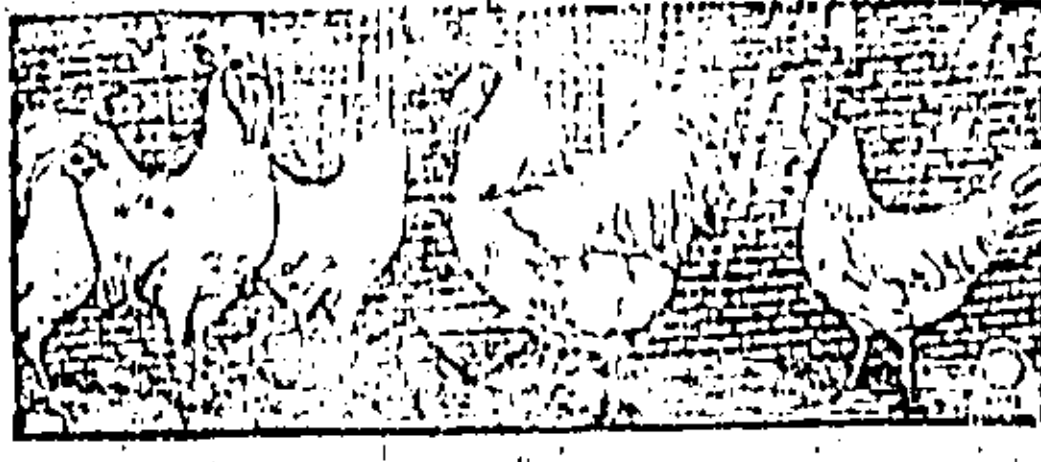
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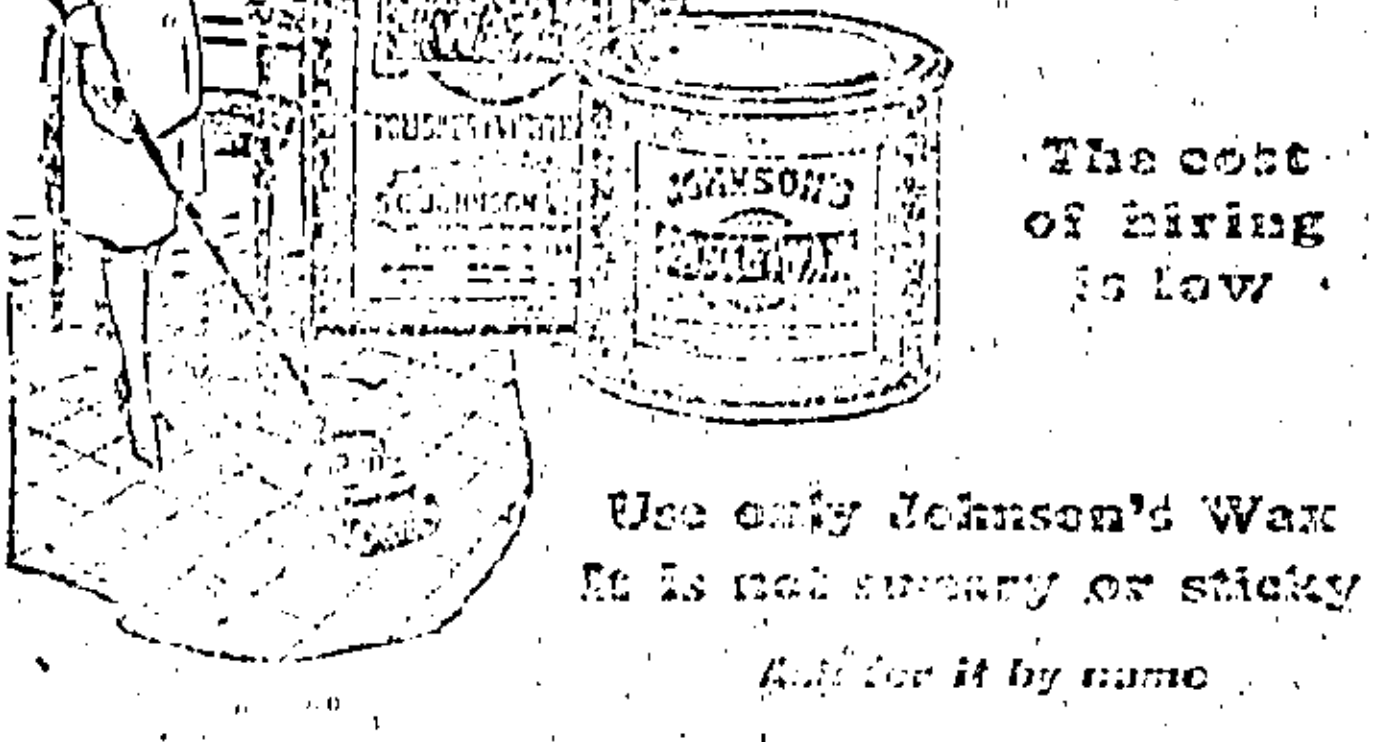
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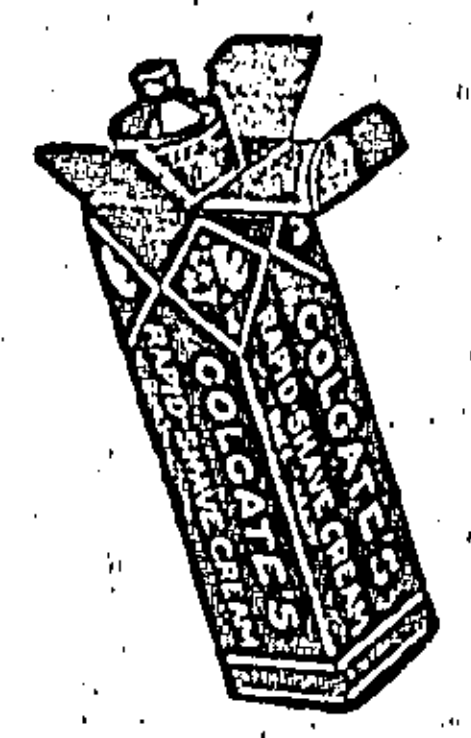
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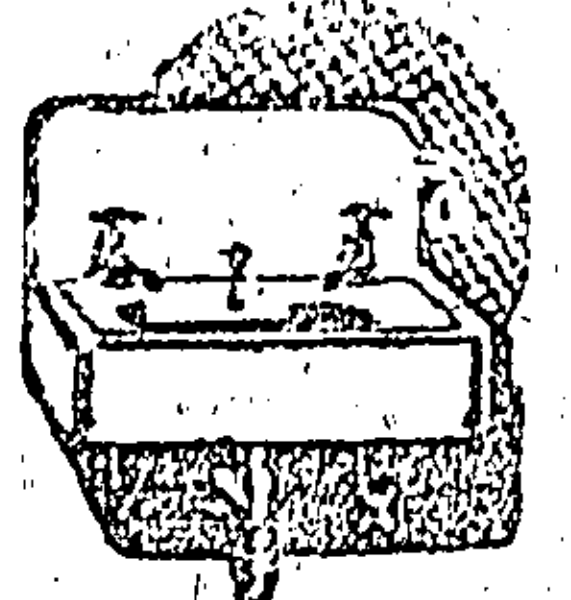


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THE WORLD OF SPORT

LEAGUE CRICKET.

THE I. R. C.'s GOOD START.

[By "Two Legs"]

Local league cricket is not yet in full swing, most of the clubs preferring to wait until the excitement of the Interport matches is over. One or two teams, however, have got going and some very interesting games have been seen.

The Indian R.C. "A" team have been doing great things and thus far have shown that they will be hard to overcome. In the only match in the Senior Division last Saturday, the Chinese R.C. could furnish no opposition against the Indians and but for the 30 runs made by Ching against some loose bowling, the home team would have been skittled out for under 50. Madar, who made 45 for the winners, has lost none of his polished style; S. A. R. Ismail, from last year's 2nd XI, contributed a pretty half century and is regarded as one of the soundest bats in the side, and I hear F. M. el Arculli, essentially a bowler, has improved beyond all recognition with the bat.

The First Century.

Congratulations to Kermani of the University for being the first batsman to score a century in League cricket this season. His performance was all the more praiseworthy—he carried his bat for 126 in a Second Division match against Royal Army Ordnance Corps—considering he was up against a strong bowling side. For the R.A.O.C., the only batsman who made a stand against Sudan and Iqbal who were in great form and shared the wickets between them, was Walker with a creditable 43.

It was really most unfortunate for the Kowloon 2nd XI to have to share the points with the "Tamar" after having put up the splendid total of 221 for six wickets. The home team started rather shakily but Lee (56) and Raven (72) put an entirely different complexion on the game, from the K.C.C.'s point of view.

While the Indian R.C. "A" XI have been giving a very good account of themselves, what of their "B" team? Last year's junior champions are proving to be a great disappointment to their supporters. According to the form that they have displayed, it cannot be said that they possess a single batsman in their ranks and their bowling is, if anything, deplorably weak. They went down again last Saturday to the Diocesan Boys' School, this being their second defeat at the hands of the D.B.S.

From the number of individual hundreds that have been made in the four weeks of cricket that we have had, it seems that the smaller ball is not having the desired effect of helping the bowler, or is it because of the fact that we have had a batsman's wicket all the time? Besides Kermani's effort at Fokulam, Happy Valley, was the scene of two separate centuries scored by Navy players at the expense of Civil Service. Lt. Comdr. Agnew was run out after reaching 121 and Mid. Begg played an unfinished innings of 102.

AMATEUR STATUS CONTROVERSY.

BRITAIN DIFFERS FROM THE CONTINENT.

London, Nov. 1.

A meeting of the British Olympic Association will be held to decide whether Britain will participate in the 1928 Olympiad, in view of the support given by the executive committee of the Olympic Committee, upholding the Paris decision authorising payment for broken time.

The football associations in the British Isles last week reaffirmed their decision that such semi-amateurism could not be permitted.

There has long been a difference of opinion between continental countries and England as to what is an amateur footballer, which, though not affecting other sports, is bound to cause considerable dissatisfaction if the Olympic Committee is going to allow a different definition of an amateur for footballers, compared with participants in other sports.—*Reuter*.

It was called yesterday that the executive committee of the International Olympic Committee has decided to authorise the members of the International Football Association to participate in the Amsterdam Olympiad, and the St. Moritz winter games, pending the decision of the forthcoming congress. A necessary condition is that no footballer shall receive an indemnity, but any salary lost may be made good to any employer who would otherwise refuse to pay a player during his absence.

U.S. PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

THE LEADING QUALIFIERS.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 1.

There were over 60 entries for the American professional golf championship, over 36 holes. In the qualifying competition the leaders were:

Walter Hagen	141
Albert Alcott	144
Joe Turnesa	144
Gene Sarazen	144
Johnny Farrell	146
Al Espinosa	147
Francis Gallett	147
Harry Cooper	147

—*Reuter's American Service*.

GARRISON FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the table of the Hongkong Garrison Football League, compiled up to and including 31st October:

Club	W	D	L	Pts
1st H. B. R.A.	3	2	0	8
2nd H. B. R.A.	2	2	1	6
3rd H. B. R.A.	2	1	1	5
4th H. B. R.A.	1	1	1	3
5th H. B. R.A.	1	0	2	2
6th H. B. R.A.	1	0	2	2
7th H. B. R.A.	1	0	2	2
8th H. B. R.A.	1	0	2	2
9th H. B. R.A.	1	0	2	2
10th H. B. R.A.	1	0	2	2

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

LONDON DRAWS WITH PARIS.

Paris, Nov. 1.

In inter-league "soccer," London drew with Paris, one goal all.—*Reuter*.

Red Devils v. London.

Brussels, Nov. 1.

The Diabes Rouges and the London Football Association drew, three goals all.—*Reuter*.

ENGLISH SIDE TO VISIT WEST INDIES.

TENNYSON AND TATE WILL GO.

London Oct. 26.

Major Lionel Tennyson, the Hampshire cricket captain, who captained the side which visited Jamaica last winter, is taking a team to the West Indies early next year. Maurice Tate, the Sussex all-rounder, will be a member of the team.

A company has been formed to carry on greyhound racing with mechanical hares in New Zealand.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE AT HOME.

LESSONS OF THE T. U. CONGRESS.

THE NEXT STEP.

In spite of the absence of a resolution expressly committing the Trades Union Congress to the policy of co-operation with employers in promoting industrial peace, there is no doubt at the headquarters of the Congress about the General Council having been given a definite mandate. *Industrial News* is an official publication of the General Council, and the current issue contains an article headed "The New Outlook for Trade Unionism: An Interpretation of the Edinburgh Conference."

As an indication of the existence of an unbroken spirit in the trade unions, reference is made in the article to the reception given to Mr. Baldwin's appeal. Mr. Baldwin was told "with brutal frankness" that he and his colleagues "had placed themselves out of court" as advocates of industrial peace, and that the only contribution they could make to the creation of a better spirit was to recognize that they had placed legislative obstacles in the path and to remove them with the best grace possible. After this the article goes on to underline the Edinburgh decisions as a repudiation of class war and militant policies. It states:

It is no small tribute to the leaders of trade unionism that they had the courage to take the responsibility of proclaiming their belief in the possibility of developing a constructive programme for the improvement of economic conditions in face of the provocation given by the Government in its anti-union legislation and in its sterile and reactionary policy in industrial and social affairs. Congress would have found support if it had made the Government's record the justification of bitter class war. There are all the elements of intensified class conflict in the existing situation. The Congress leaders, with the unqualified support of the unions' delegates, accepted, on the contrary, responsibility for a policy of co-operation in an endeavour to work out a practical solution of industrial troubles by methods of conciliation. It meant a definite repudiation of the militant policy with which the minority is identified. It signified a determination to exhaust all the possibilities of negotiation and conference in dealing with the immediate difficulties affecting the economic life of the country. But it depends for its success upon the recognition by employers of the responsibility devolving upon them and by the Government of the obligation it imposes upon them to remove the obstacles they have so wantonly placed in the path of the unions. And it will be dangerous in the farthest degree for either the employers or the Government to misunderstand the meaning of the Congress decisions in this matter of industrial peace.

A Tentative Plan.

Industrial co-operation is, therefore, the accepted policy of the General Council. It is too soon to indicate what steps will be taken to apply the policy.

At present the General Council is not ready even for preliminary conversations with the employers' organizations, though it is to be hoped that such conversations will be begun without much delay. So far as the trade union leaders have a plan at all it is the tentative one that the General Council and the Confederation of Employers' Organizations should meet together to consider the broad principles of means of co-operation, with the double object of promoting the efficiency of industry and improving the workers' standard of life. A new departure of immense moment is in prospect, and the leaders of the unions recognize as well as anyone the importance of avoiding a mistaken move. They would undoubtedly welcome informal and confidential, but authoritative, expressions of opinion from those who are entitled to speak on behalf of the employers. At the same time they are ready to agree that, in the circumstances of the case, undue haste on their part or the part of employers may reduce speed.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., the political secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, in a letter addressed to the members of the union, urges them to co-operate in the establishment of a prosperous and efficient railway service.

Miss Edythe Baker, the American actress now appearing in "One Dam Thing After Another" at the London Pavilion, is engaged to marry Mr. Gerard d'Erlanger, the son of Baron and Baroness d'Erlanger.

LATE SPORT ITEMS.

WHEN THE DOGS CAUGHT THE HARE.

London, Oct. 26.

There was an amusing incident during a greyhound racing meeting at Blackpool yesterday. The dogs caught the hare, stopped for a moment, and then continued the race as if nothing had happened.

New Starting Gate Experiment.

London, Oct. 26.

The Jockey Club Stewards are making an experiment with a new starting gate, which consists of a rope fitted with rubber ends. This takes the place of the breakable tape that has been in use to the present.

L.T.A. and Tennis Ball Prices.

London, Oct. 26.

The Lawn Tennis Association has postponed the action it proposed to take with the idea of bringing about a decrease in the price of balls. They proposed to issue standard balls through four selected firms. They are making further investigations before taking any action.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

MILITARY RIVALS AT SOOKUNPOO.

A game of considerable importance in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League is down for decision at Sookunpoo this afternoon, when the King's Own Scottish Borderers meet the Queen's Royal Regiment.

Both elevens met with an unexpected set-back during the weekend, the Borderers drawing with South China, while the Queen's conceded two points to the Police. A keen fast game is assured, and if Woodard is fielded in the Queen's side, the K.O.S.B. may meet with their first defeat of the season. The sides are well matched, and the appearance or non-appearance of the Queen's centre-forward is expected to make all the difference, one way or the other. Mr. Phillips will have charge of the match, which kicks off at 4.15 p.m.

FIRST GREYHOUND DERBY.

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London, Oct. 16.

A crowd estimated at 100,000, including many enthusiasts from Manchester saw the first Greyhound Derby at the White City last evening.

The first prize, a gold cup and £1,000 was won by a favourite entry whose owner, Mr. Baxter, also owns the second and third. His total prize money was £1,400.

AIRMAN-ACTOR'S DEBUT.

SIR ALAN COBHAM'S FILM.

Sir Alan Cobham, the famous airman, made his debut as a screen actor at the London Hippodrome on September 29, when the Gaumont British film "The Flight Commander" was shown privately.

Sir Alan's screen presence is natural and unassuming, and while his part—although it is the title role—is a small one, he lends an air of distinction and realism to the film.

"The Flight Commander" makes no pretension to artistic or epic qualities; but humour, romance, and thrills follow one another in bewildering succession, and in spite of inconsistencies and occasional semi-ludicrous dramatic moments, the film is vastly entertaining.

The story tells how a young airman sets off from Croydon by air for "Somewhere in the East" with Sir Alan Cobham. There the Chinese, inspired by a Bolshevik agitator, attack the whites. Troops arrive by huge aeroplanes, the rioter are dispersed, and a love interest is brought to a happy conclusion.

Mr. Humberston Wright, as a trader, gives perhaps the finest performance of all. Miss Estelle Brody, as the heroine, gives a capable performance, but is hampered by lack of opportunity to show her comedy gifts.

The Paris police have arrested a smart young man who, apparently, solely to gratify his desire to be well dressed, has become an expert burglar. Augustin Moessner was once a mechanic, but admitted that for the last five years he had lived solely on the result of his thefts, and in the apartment he occupied there was found 200,000 francs worth of jewellery. The most striking find, however, was the contents of Moessner's wardrobe. He possessed 25 suits, 30 pairs of shoes, 180 ties, 13 hats, and a quantity of fine shirts and silk socks from the best hosiers. Moessner explained that he had become a burglar on account of his love of expensive clothing.

IN DEFENCE OF JAZZ.

JACK HYLTON'S CHALLENGE TO SIR H. COWARD.

PAVLOVA'S PRAISE.

Pavlova says that an opera written in ragtime rhythm was recently produced both in Germany and America—and it was very good.

This is one of the comments which has followed Sir Henry Coward's latest attack on jazz as "the essence of vulgarity." Sir Henry's attack brought the rejoinder from several London musical directors that he is "only flogging a dead horse." It also evoked two challenges—one from Jack Hylton and the other from Mr. Lawrence Wright, the London song publisher.

Mr. Jack Hylton in mail week sent the following telegram to Sir Henry:—"I challenge you to a debate with me on jazz at the Royal Albert Hall or, preferably, over the wireless."

The syncopated music of to-day is quite different from the original jazz we knew in war time, Mr. Jack Hylton told a *Daily News* representative.

It has evolved since then, and is still evolving, proceeded Mr. Hylton. It has the same rhythmic background, but new forms develop every day. Sir Henry says jazz is the sort of composition that cannot progress. Surely the music that has not progressed is classical music. In form it was the same 500 years ago as it was 50 years ago. That is why classical concerts are not well attended, while there is never any difficulty in getting people to listen to jazz.

But what annoys Mr. Hylton most is Sir Henry's description of "the noble trombone" as being made to "bray like an ass, guffaw like a village idiot, and moan like a cow in distress."

That is done in comedy numbers, admitted Mr. Hylton, but does Sir Henry know that we give every Sunday afternoon jazz concerts that are serious and unattended by any of these comic effects?

Not so Promiscuous.

Mr. Wright telegraphed offering to publish a fox-trot, black bottom, blues, or yale if Sir Henry would write one in accordance with his own ideas of what a modern dance tune should be.

I will publish it, have it played by some 1500 dance bands throughout the country, "plug" it in all the cinemas, and give it as much chance as the best tunes of the moment, stated Mr. Wright last night, if Sir Henry will agree to test the opinion of modern youth concerning jazz in this way. He can have it orchestrated as he pleases, without any "vulgar noises, howler hats, kettles, or braying trombones," and, of course, I shall pay him the usual royalties.

I do hope he will agree to do this, as the dancing world is growing a little tired of armchair critics of jazz.

Modern jazz is far more musical than the dances of twenty years ago, and is so complicated in rhythm that dancers almost invariably stick to one partner. The Charleston is not nearly so "promiscuous" as the old Edwardian waltz.

The jazz music that came in during the emotional period of the war, said the director of the Savoy Hotel Orchestra, has been dead for eight or nine years and what the dance-lovers are getting to-day is syncopated syncopation, in which emphasis is being more and more laid on rhythm and melody.

The best musical brains are now being devoted to the orchestration of dance music—Stravinsky, Delius, and Bliss for example—and the whole tendency both of composers and of public taste is towards quieter and more graceful music. Syncopation is not new at all; it has been in vogue for fifty years. But taste is always changing, and there is a growing demand among dancers for the waltz, for a slower fox-trot, and the graceful tango. The Charleston is dying down.

Mme. Pavlova, the dancer, said:—

The jazz rhythm is very interesting, and, if intelligent composers could be persuaded to write jazz, it could be excellent. The jazz that is bad is that in which noise is made for fun. Much of the music we dance to nowadays is, therefore, bad. But an opera written in rag-time rhythm was recently produced both in Germany and America, and it was very good.

She laughingly protested that she had no intention of asking an "intelligent composer" to write jazz for her to dance to.

There is some danger that Finland's ancient coat of arms, granted by King Johan III. about 1650, may be displaced by something new. A motion now before the Riksdag suggests that a republic cannot with consistency have a coat of arms dating from a time when the country was a monarchy. The reformers desire a symbol of republicanism in place of the old crown, but do not say what it should be. The Riksdag must pass or reject the motion by December 6, which is the tenth anniversary of Finland's independence.

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MARKET PRICES.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Urging that increased stall rents would be made the excuse for higher prices in the markets, both Mr. J. P. Braga and Dr. S. W. Tso addressed yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board in opposition to a readjustment of market rents. Eventually, Mr. J. P. Braga gave notice that he would propose at the next meeting that a committee of the President and the two Chinese members be appointed to enquire into the question of stall rents.

Mr. Braga said: In the course of a debate in this room on the 6th September on the question of the high prices of fresh foodstuffs in Hongkong, I laid stress on the possibility of the butchers' guild operating as one of the determining factors in the keeping up and the raising of the prices in the markets of the Colony. You, Sir, in your reply thought that "we were too apt to make too much of the bogey of the ring" and the Guild.

On that occasion I spoke without the knowledge of the facts since gathered from a circulation of the papers to members that have revealed a condition of things calling, in your opinion, for a readjustment of the rents of stalls throughout the markets in the Colony. The disclosure goes beyond the question of one of stall rents only.

Encouragements of "Rings."

It reveals to the Board a system that not only permitted but, in my humble opinion, actually made room for the machinery for the encouragement of combination among the stallholders of our markets. A system that perpetuates licencees' holdings to their lineal descendants in a profitable trade to the exclusion of competitive newcomers stands self-condemned in principle no less than in practice. Beyond the fact that that system—a pernicious one to my way of thinking—has the approval of the Government of the last generation, I am not aware that there exists any valid argument in support of it. I would condemn it, and I hope the Board would agree to condemn it.

For the opportunity afforded the Board to discuss a question of such wide interest in the Colony, I feel sure members will agree with me that we are thankful to you. It was you who caused the papers on this subject to be dug up from the dusty files of the Board and on your instructions they were circulated to members who have since become acquainted with the unsatisfactory condition prevailing.

Rise in Prices.

As a measure of the fiscal policy of the Government this readjustment of stall rents looks a very attractive proposal. At the same time the fact is borne upon me that for a good number of years the fortunate "lineal descendants" of a certain class of people have accumulated profits at the expense of the ratepayers.

What return has the Colony received from the holders of the prescriptive right which a faulty system has conceded and countenanced for so long a time? The benefits to the residents of all classes have been rise in prices and the disconsolate prospect of yet further rises all the time.

One gentleman who erstwhile wielded the butcher's blade behind a beef stall in the Central Market earned notoriety for himself at the head of a gang of the exponents of a doctrine destructive of all law and order and who for a time figuratively brandished at safe distance the knife of hatred at Hongkong for his own enrichment. Such is the return given for a benevolent policy of this Board's heritage to a "lineal descendant" of a Hongkong butcher.

No Revision.

While it is true that the Treasury will reap the benefit of an increased revenue by the proposed readjustment of the stall rents, it should be the business of this Board to provide against giving an excuse for forcing prices up still higher in our markets. To be consistent, I am sorry I cannot agree to any revision of the scale at the present time when it may be seized as an argument to raise the prices of all fresh foodstuffs in the Colony. They are expensive enough.

I am speaking with a personal knowledge and deep insight into the hardships

of the middle-class inhabitants who have literally to undergo mental struggle to make ends meet from month to month. Especially great is the difficulty of that class whom the Hon. Mr. Shenton spoke of in the Legislative Council the other day as an essential section of the community and whom the Colony could not do without. I speak of the clerks in Hongkong and of the salaried family men.

What Has Progress Brought.

There is peculiar appositeness in a leading article in the South China Morning Post of the 18th October on "Hongkong Expansion." The writer's remarks bear profitable repetition. This is what he wrote:

"What has progress brought? Higher rent and cost of living, unpleasant neighbours, and, by comparison, an inadequate improvement in his earning power. The Colony is a queer paradox. By all the accepted rules, expansion, development, prosperity should have made everybody happy. Why have they not done so? The answer would appear to be that these things are snares and delusions. In many comments we have held that the measures of administrative success lies not in big figures of population and trade, but in the health, comfort and contentment of the community."

Centralisation of Wealth.

The tendency in Hongkong is for wealth to become more and more centralised. While there are some who have been blessed with an abundance of this world's riches and are yawning in wealth, others (and they form the disproportionate majority) must struggle at their daily toil to eke out a pittance for existence.

It should certainly not be beyond the ability of this Board to devise some scheme whereby the market stalls should not remain the close preserve of a favoured few, thereby placing into their hands the means for organising a combination against prospective competitors. Rather than increase the stall rents, I would prefer to see the inauguration of some plan in the operation of which the agriculturists, the poultry farmers and pig breeders in the New Territories would be given an opportunity in the Hongkong markets to dispose of their produce to the consumers.

Complaint is rife that the Vegetable "Laps" operate to the discouragement of the vegetable farmers of the New Territories. This complaint should be inquired into. When the farmers bring their produce for wholesale disposal in Hongkong "the ring" offers such poor prices that they prefer to take back the vegetables and feed them to pigs rather than submit to the "squeeze" of "the ring."

This is an indefensible attempt to freeze out the farmers. It is not as it should be.

Market Holdings for Farmers.

The New Territories farmers should be given market holdings in the Central, Western, Wan-chai, and Saiwanho markets on the Island, and at Yau-nai and Hung-hom on the mainland. This might be a first step to break the strong combination of "the ring." This innovation is worth a trial. Until it has been tried and failed, I should not be convinced that this Board has done all it could do to regulate the price of fresh foodstuffs in Hongkong.

Dr. S. W. Tso agreed that the readjustment of market rents would at the present time be made the excuse for increased price of commodities, and suggested that the consideration of the question of the stalls be postponed until such time as things in Hongkong became more normal. At the moment, when the Colony was still feeling the effect of the boycott, it was inadvisable to touch the rents.

No Intention to Rush Matter.

Mr. N. L. Smith, the President of the Board, agreed with much that had been said, and added that it had never been his intention to rush the matter. He had explained in the minutes how the question arose. About twenty years ago there was undoubtedly the intention of revising the average of market rents every three years. It was only done twice and then fell into abeyance.

It was not suggested, he pointed out, that all the stallholders should be raised; the point was that in certain cases two stallholders next to one another doing the same business were paying widely different rates. It would not matter so much if the cheaper stall was using his advantage for the benefit of the public, but he was not.

Lineal Descendants.

With regard to Mr. Braga's remarks concerning the system of granting the stalls to lineal descendants, Mr. Smith thought it was very difficult to see what could be the alternative. He did not think it possible to have a big bus-

HARBOUR PIRACY

SEQUEL TO THEFT OF GOLD BARS.

The sensational outrage local steam launch within the precincts of the harbour, on the 12th, was recalled at the noon Magistrate's court yesterday when the hearing of a very charge against an uneducated Chinese was commenced before Mr. W. Schofield.

It will be recalled that conveying two boxes of gold to the s.s. Prominent board the launch V. Shing on behalf of the company of the same name, one a stranger and the two members of the crew, reduced revolvers and covered remainder of the crew.

The launch was steered in the direction of the eastern end of the harbour and on at North Point was beached robbers made good their way with about \$24,000 worth of gold bars. Subsequent enquiries to the arrest of an uneducated Chinese who was yesterday, with being concerned in armed robbery on board the Fat Shing and, with stealing others not in custody 600 to gold, the property of the V. Shing Steamship Company as personal articles belonging to the crew.

Only the more formal evidence was taken yesterday, the matter of the V. Shing Co. clerk giving evidence of the time of the office and the location of the gold bar.

Manager's Evidence.

Mr. Li Koon-chun, manager of the V. Shing Steamship Company of No. 81, Wing Lok, gave evidence of ownership of gold bar, which was delivered to the company on October 1st by a goldsmith. After being packed for shipping the bullion kept in the store room until evening when it was taken on board the Company's launch the V. Shing for delivery to the s.s. Prominent.

Besides two foks who were the gold there were five other employees of the firm on board the launch. The company comprised about 300 of one-tael bars and about pieces of five-mace bars.

On a piece of gold bar produced by the prosecution, witness identified the name of the Company's branch office. He also bore the mark of the goldsmith from whom it was purchased. Each tael piece was valued for \$1,150.

The consignment was to be sent to Saigon by the Prominent. The company's consignment of gold about four times each month. The V. Shing was used for delivering the gold to the steamers.

Engineers Abscond.

In reply to Mr. McCallum, witness said that after the gold had been stolen one of the foks absconded from the office.

Answering further questions witness said that it was just dark when the gold was taken to the Prominent. It was sent earlier because it would be as safe on board as in the firm's strong room. The gold insured against piracy.

Witness did not personally with the consignment. On launch there were six seamen together. The coxswain had been in the employ of the Company four years. The engineer was on board on October 12th, only a substitute for the original engineer who was on sick leave. Since the robbery witness had seen or heard of the invalid.

Referring to the substitute engineer, witness said that he knew him as a new engineer. Since incident witness had not seen a substitute. The fireman was a missing.

After an office clerk had given somewhat similar evidence a case was adjourned.

ness like a pork butchery occupied a stall on a month to month basis. Actually that was the system, present in theory, but it could never be carried out in practice. The point could be considered by the Committee which Mr. Braga would propose should be appointed.

An order granting leave to the President, and the appointment of Mr. W. J. Carr to act as President, was laid on the table.

Those present were—Mr. N. L. Smith (President), Mr. W. J. Carr, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. H. T. Jackson, Dr. G. W. Pope, and Mr. D. Davis (Secretary).



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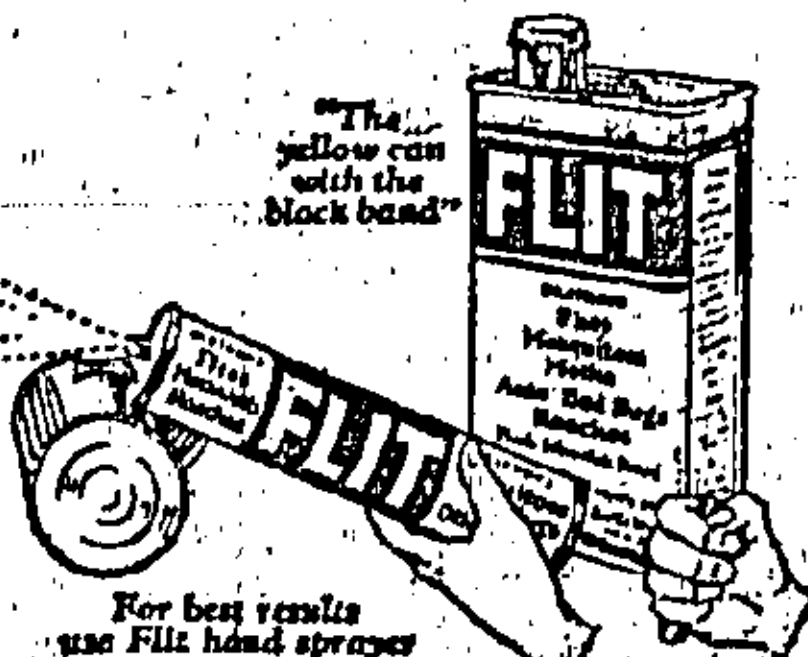
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CHAPTER XV.

How had this young woman persuaded me to do a thing of which I could not have conceived myself capable a month before?—to enter into a conspiracy with her against what nine people in ten would have called the ends of justice—at any rate, to place an impediment in the way of the official police?

She was a young woman of a type practically unknown to me—a type, indeed, with which I should have said (a month before) I had not an atom of sympathy. I did not understand it; I should have been positive that it would be utterly at a loss to understand a middle-aged lawyer of rather conventional and formal ideas such as I was.

But here was I, assisting her, to dodge the police, and planning in my mind a great many other things which would have annoyed the police still more if they could have had an inkling of my mental processes. And doing it all with gusto!

As I had suggested to Mrs. Briscoe, she could not expect me to close my intelligence as well as my eyes and lips. I would not take a single glance at her as she stood on the cliff. I would certainly not say a word to anybody about what had happened that evening. But I could not help drawing my own conclusions and making my own inferences. They were not clear, but they were clearing.

I walked home, and within five minutes of my arrival was in bed, speculating on the reception the Scotland Yard men had experienced at Highfield Farm.

I learnt of it afterwards. They woke the house without ceremony, confident that their victim would simply tumble into their hands. But I also learnt that the appointed victim was not Mrs. Briscoe.

They never even suspected the existence of Mrs. Briscoe. Possibly she might have remained where she was without danger. Rossiter, the leading man and a detective of some quality, took his assistant and four plain-clothes men from Westport in a big car, posted the four so that nobody could get out of the place without being seen, and then demanded admission.

The farm people, albeit a little awed by Rossiter, were as good as their word. They began at once on the story of their visitor's departure for London in the morning. Their anxiety to get it off their chests was, perhaps, an excellent thing, for Rossiter was keen enough to see at once that the yarn had been invented. But instead of turning his attention to the search for Mrs. Briscoe, it confirmed him in the theory with which he had started. In order to put him off the scent, these rustic folks had concocted a tale about a woman who lived only in their imagination. He brushed Mrs. Briscoe and her doings on one side, and came with threats and blusterings to the real business of his visit.

That business was to find Major Overbury!

They had Major Overbury concealed somewhere on the premises. They had committed a frightful crime by harbouring him, but if they produced him at once it might go easier with them—all in the usual vein.

Of course, as the farm people had never, to their knowledge, seen Major Overbury, and he was certainly not concealed on the premises, they were unable to produce him, and Rossiter was unable to find as much as a nail-paring of him. The expedition had come to grief, and shortly after one in the morning the big car reared past my house on the way back to Westport.

Being at breakfast just after eight o'clock, I was called to the telephone. The police had a prisoner who must be charged that morning. Would I get two magistrates to sit at the Merfield Arms at eleven o'clock?

"Who is the prisoner?" I asked. It was Granger who spoke. "Oh, our friends from the Yard. Mr. Franks, have made up their minds to charge Atkins after all. Say they've discovered something. I don't know what—some tale of cock and bull, I expect. The charge is of being accessory before and after the fact of Sir Charles Merfield's murder."

So Atkins was really laid by the heels, and Mrs. Briscoe would have to work out her problem alone!

I got the two magistrates, and the court held an almost formal sitting. Atkins was brought in between two policemen. He gave me a glance and a half-hint of a

smile as I read the charge against him—that he was accessory to the fact of the murder of Sir Charles Merfield both before and after the crime.

Rossiter himself was the only witness. He proved the arrest of Atkins, who, when formally accused, merely said that he was not guilty.

"I have reason to believe, your Worship, that the prisoner's name is not Atkins, and that he is masquerading in the character of a chauffeur, but our inquiries are not complete."

Whereupon the police-superintendent asked for a week's remand, and Atkins was marched off to Westport again.

During the day I picked up the bits of evidence on which the charge had been built. They were undoubtedly suggestive. It appeared that when Rossiter and his man, on the previous day, had made their investigations at Merfield Tower, they turned Atkins's bedroom upside down and inside out. Almost everything they found was quite consistent with the character of an innocent chauffeur—but not quite everything. In a drawer of the dressing-table they came upon two long strips of printed paper. They were "proofs" of a chapter of a book, apparently a technical book, containing large numbers of algebraical tables and other mysteries.

Possibly not much notice would have been taken of the document, as it was rather crumpled and soiled, but for three marks upon it. They were:

(1) A rubber stamp mark—"First Proof."

(2) A rubber stamp mark—"Please return before..." and written in the blank space the words "August 31."

(3) A manuscript note at the bottom of the second strip: "I think this is all right, but check formula 53."

Rossiter confessed that he did not know what to make of this at the moment, but it confirmed his opinion he had formed from other circumstances that Atkins was no professional chauffeur. The point which made him certain that he had got hold of a master clue was the date on the rubber stamp. Atkins might deny until Doomsday that he had any connexion with this strange document; but it could belong to nobody else. Atkins had occupied the room on the second floor of Merfield House since the beginning of July, and nobody else had been in it except the housemaids.

Upon this Rossiter formed his theory, and it was ingenious and plausible. According to him there was a conspiracy in which Lady Merfield and Major Overbury were involved, with Atkins as an assistant. Atkins's engagement at Merfield Tower had been engineered by the lady, and probably the visit of Major Overbury as well. For some reason or other the guns had gone off before they were meant to, or the plan had miscarried in some way, for three clever people like these could never have intended to leave so many traces for an intelligent detective to pick up. But there was generally a snag somewhere in every plot, or the detective profession would be a far more arduous business than it was.

Having got a working theory, Rossiter set about realising it in a most workmanlike manner. Before Atkins got back from his motor-ride he had rushed out Mrs. Poshonby-Forside and confronted her with the rest of the servants. When did she see Atkins on the night of the crime? He appeared almost immediately in the group of servants which gathered about Lady Merfield and Major Overbury. She could not say whether he came down from the upper storey with Mason and the footman. She did not observe.

But what she did observe, when pressed on the subject by Rossiter, was that Atkins was in his full chauffeur's rig, not in deshabille like the rest of them.

That was enough for Rossiter. And as for me, I recalled that he was in full chauffeur rig when he arrived with the car at Rosebank. He had looked very spick-and-span, and not at all like a man recently disturbed rudely in his sleep.

More significant than that, I remembered what Lady Merfield had told me—that as she went down the stairs she heard Overbury talking, or thought she did, as if speaking to himself. I reflected that if the keen and nimble Rossiter had possessed half the light I had on what happened at Merfield Tower on August 19, he would not be long in laying his

RICHMOND PARK CRIME.

HIDDEN CORPSE OF GIRL TYPIST.

Park-keeper Hicks, while going on his rounds in Richmond Park recently, found near Robin Hood Gate, the body of a well-dressed girl hidden in the bracken.

She had been strangled with a handkerchief, tied tightly round her throat, her face was battered and covered with blood, while her clothing was torn to ribbons. There were signs of a desperate struggle in the vicinity where the turf was trampled, and the woman's short umbrella was found smashed.

The girl had been murdered and subsequently dragged to the bracken, where the murderer had torn out all likely marks of identification from her clothing. But he had overlooked the handbag in which was found a shorthand diary with her name and address.

She has been identified as Miss Constance Oliver of Battersdale, a typist, who had been missing since 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Motor-tracks found on the turf lead to the suspicion that the motorist concerned had pointed out to her the park which has been closed to vehicular traffic after 6 p.m. although cars can be left there on application. Pedestrians are able to enter at any time.

The doctor is of opinion that death had occurred about thirty-six hours before the discovery.

One of 13 Children.

Miss Oliver, it is learnt, is one of a family of thirteen children, who have been employed in the same firm in the City for seven years. She had arranged to meet a male friend on Sunday evening, but he says that she did not arrive.

An attempt to set fire to her body had failed. A portion of her right leg and her clothing were burned. The marks found on her arms suggested that she had been held tightly. The tracks on the turf are those of either a small motor-car or a motor-cycle combination.

The police have circulated a description of one Sidney Barnard Goulter, a motor mechanic, aged twenty-five, whom they are anxious to trace. He has been missing from his house in Kingston since Saturday.

Miss Oliver's relations state that Goulter, when informed by Constance's sister that she was missing, replied: "My God! I must go and see her mother." He did not, however, go. He disappeared recently. He had taken Constance out promising her a motor-ride.

Hongkong theatre-goers will learn with interest and pleasure that Mr. Charles Chamier's Our Cabaret Company, which had such a successful season at the Star Theatre in August last, will be returning to the Colony from the North very soon, and will give a short season in the Queen's Theatre, appearing at all performances in potted revues. Further particulars will be announced later.

Hands on the man who killed Merfield.

But his activity was a challenge to me. If I was to discover all that was necessary in order to fulfil my tacit promise to Lady Merfield without revealing things she wanted hidden, I should have to be quick.

Perhaps it was not quite fair for me to take the advantage I did of Rossiter's natural pride in his astuteness. But he was so cock-a-hoop about it that the question of fairness did not trouble my conscience. He made no difficulty about showing me the printed document that had been found in Atkins's room. He could make nothing of it himself, except that it betrayed Atkins's chauffeur for the masquerade it undoubtedly was. He would let Scotland Yard find out all about that, and it would not take them long to unmask Mr. Atkins. He proposed to post it to the Yard at once and let them search for its origin.

I reached my office, after the court had risen, in a mood of excitement, torn between two possible procedures.

If I chased the clue given to me by the conversation of Atkins and Mrs. Briscoe, I must leave the clue of the manuscript. And, on the other hand, if I chased the clue of the manuscript, I really feared what might happen to Mrs. Briscoe. As it turned out, I need not have feared; for that young woman was quite capable of looking after herself, and not even Rossiter had any terrors for her.

I decided upon the clue of the document. That had to be followed at once if I was to get at it before Scotland Yard. I telephoned to my wife that I was called suddenly to London, and that she was not to expect me back until she received a telegram. The best train available left at two o'clock, which gave me an hour and a half.

(To be Continued.)

TO-DAY'S INTERPORT TRIAL.

UNITED SERVICES DISMISSED FOR 145.

The interport trial match between a possible Hongkong XI and the United Services was commenced on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at 10.20 this morning, when the latter team opened with Garrett and Dynes against the bowling of Dobbie and Reed.

The Services were given a good start by the first three batsmen but none of the remainder reached double figures, the team being dismissed for 145 runs. Lieut. Dynes batted well for his 58 and he received valuable support from both Garrett and Hull, who between them contributed 41 runs.

The bowling honours went to W. Brace, the Kowloon Cricket Club player, who was not put on until late in the innings. He captured five wickets for 23 runs in seven overs.

The keenness in the field is shown by the fact that with the exception of Bridgland, all the Service batsmen were caught.

The local players went to the wickets at about 12.30 and when stumps were drawn they had lost two wickets for 28 runs.

The full morning's scores follow:

United Services.	
Lieut. Garrett, c Dale, b Wales	18
Lieut. Dynes, c Pearce, b Brace	58
Surg. Com. Hull, c and b Goodwin	23
Capt. Graham, c Goodwin, b Brace	6
Capt. Bridgland, lb.w., b Brace	6
Mid. Merriman, c Dobbie, b Hankey	9
Capt. Morris, c Hayward, b Brace	2
Mid. Beggs, c Wales, b Brace	2
Capt. Erskine, c Pearce, b Reed	2
Lieut. Melsome, not out	0
Pay. Com. Elstob, c Dale, b Reed	0
Extras	14
Total	145

Bowling Analysis.	
Dobbie	O. M. R. W.
Reed	6 1 10
Wales	7 3 15
Dale	12 2 12
Brace	8 2 26
Goodwin	7 2 28
Hankey	6 1 17
Brace	7 2 23

Interport "Possibles".	
A. W. Hayward, played on, b	19
Garrett	8
W. Brace, not out	1
A. W. Ramsey, b Melsome	0
Lieut. Hankey, not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 2 wks.)	28

T. E. Pearce, Capt. Dobbie, Lieut. Dale, F. Goodwin, C. D. Wales, E. R. Reed and Lieut. Hunt to bat.

Malayan XI for Hongkong.

According to the Singapore Free Press Rix (Perak), A. B. Jordan (Perak), R. B. Lewis and Dr. Lewson (Singapore) have accepted invitations to play in the Malayan XI which is to visit Hongkong. The other members of the side are: N. J. A. Foster (Captain), R. L. Braddell, Capt. Congdon, N. H. P. Whitley (Singapore), Richards (Selangor), P. N. Knight (Penang) and Capt. Ford (Burma Rifles).

PROFESSIONAL AS CAPTAIN?

SUTCLIFFE MAY NEXT YEAR LEAD YORKSHIRE.

London, Oct. 26.

The old controversy which held prominence during the last visit of the Australians to England when Hobbs was appointed captain of the English Test side in the Manchester match, after A. W. Carr had been taken ill and was unable to play, is revived by the announcement that in all probability Herbert Sutcliffe will captain the Yorkshire county eleven next season. In the controversy to which the announcement has given rise Lord Hawke, who was a strong critic of the action of the English selectors in giving Hobbs the captaincy of the English side, now caustically remarks that possibly Sutcliffe contemplates turning amateur.

Yorkshire next season will be without the services of three players who have given them valued assistance for a large number of years, for Oldroyd, Dolphin and Waddington are retiring. Oldroyd, who will be 40 next season, first began to assist Yorkshire in 1910, and since David Denton retired the Dewsbury man has filled his place with much distinction. He has compiled 17 three figures innings for Yorkshire, and was third in the county batting averages last season. Dolphin is 41 years of age and Waddington only 34. Their retirements will make room, at long last, for the several promising young players who have not been able to get their places in the county team.

PENANG HOSPITAL SCANDAL.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S STRONG LETTER TO P.C.M.O.

Penang, Oct. 26. A sensation has been created locally by the resignation en bloc of the Visiting Committee of the General Hospital. A letter from Dr. A. L. Hoops (Principal Civil Medical Officer) calls attention to the fact that the Committee's duties are inspectorial and that in future if information is required by the Committee on points of administration, etc., the members should address themselves to the Chief Medical Officer.

The Committee replied that, as a result of a visit to the Hospital, the Committee found a deplorable state of affairs there. The staff is inadequate, the equipment unsatisfactory, and the buildings antiquated. The Committee consider that human lives are being endangered without excuse and that the Hospital is, to speak plainly, a scandal and a disgrace to the Colony.

They refuse to agree to the request contained in Dr. Hoops' letter, for they consider it would reduce the Committee to impotence.

The programme at the World Theatre to-morrow includes the complete official record of the fight between Jack Sharkey and Jack Dempsey which led to the latter meeting Gene Tunney for the world's heavyweight championship. Besides showing the fight round by round, the picture shows in slow motion the clip Sharkey gave Dempsey under the jaw after the gong had rung for the end of the seventh round.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, November 5th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Tottenham	v West Ham

DIVISION II.	
Blackpool	v Preston
Grimsby	v Manchester C.

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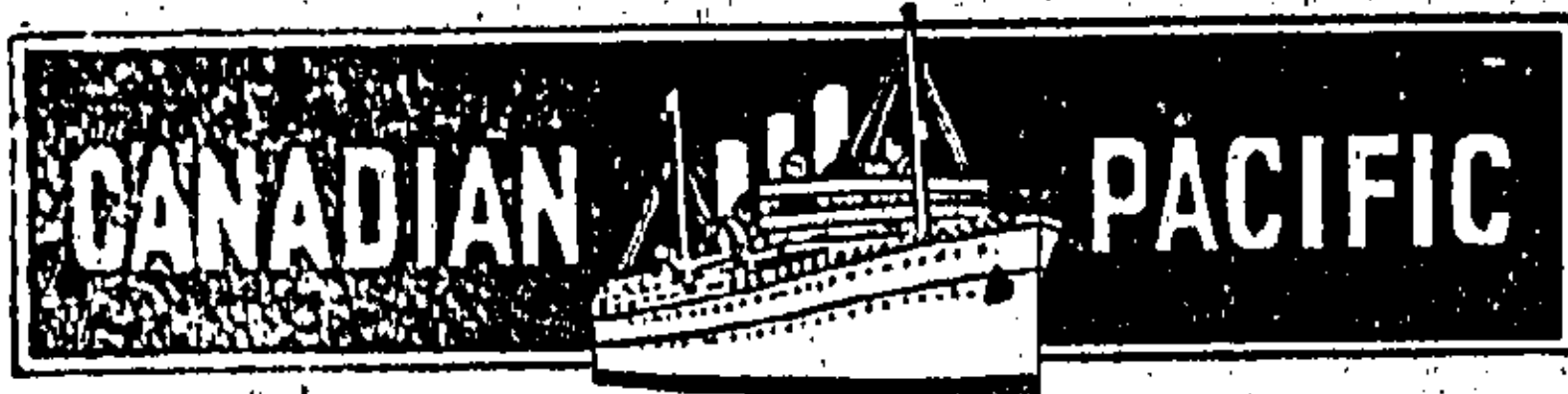
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HEALTH CONFERENCE.

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A Children's Health Conference will be held at the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association, 127 Caine Road on the afternoons of November 7, 8 and 9, and will be open to any parents interested in having expert advice from qualified physicians on the care of their children.

The Conference will include Children's welfare exhibit, demonstrations of bathing, clothing, and feeding, and lectures on the care of mother and child, as well as physical examination by appointment. Children of pre-school age only will be examined. The programme for each day will be:

Lecture 2:30-3:30
Physical Examinations 3:30-4:30
(by appointment)
Exhibits 2:30-5:00

For the past five years, on Thursday mornings, the Y.W.C.A. has conducted health centres for children of pre-school age at the Y.W.C.A. building and at the Y.M.C.A. An average of forty-five children have visited these centres each week where they have been examined and any needed advice to the mothers. The Health Conference represents an effort to enlarge the scope and influence of the health centre work and bring its advantage to the attention of a large group of parents.

A number of local physicians have generously offered to assist with the Conference. The lectures will be given by Drs. E. M. Minnett, W. C. Chau, and T. P. Woo. The examining physicians will be: Drs. S. C. Ho, C. W. H. S. T. Wong, S. N. Chau, Y. S. Wan, T. C. Wong and W. K. Pok. Dr. K. S. Shin is the Children's Health Conference physician.

The general responsibility for the conference is being carried by the Education Committee of the Y.W.C.A.

Appointment for children's physical examinations must be made at the Y.W.C.A., 127 Caine Road before 5 p.m. November 5.

LAI TO REST.

FUNERAL OF LATE CAPTAIN JAMES WILSON.

The funeral of the late Captain James Wilson, former master of the ill-fated "Leung Kwong," took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday afternoon. A number of friends followed the remains to the graveside, where the Rev. Mr. Walgrave officiated.

Wreaths were sent by Capt. and Mrs. P. Baylis and family, Mrs. Solomon, Miss A. Solomon, Bessie Solomon, Mrs. Nicholas, Messrs. T. A. Nicholas, Charles Nicholas, Freddie Nicholas, A. Mann, Capt. Wilson (Sai Hing Steamship Co.), S. S. Chung On, S. S. Derwent, and Sai Hing Steamship Co.

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A NOTED JAPANESE JOURNALIST IN HONGKONG.

A noted Japanese journalist, in the person of Mr. G. Date, passed through Hongkong yesterday, on his way back to Japan after attending the International Press Conference at Geneva. It will be recalled that at this conference the questions of better news facilities, cheaper press telegraphic rates, and related interests of the newspaper world, were discussed, and important suggestions were put forward. The conference had the backing of the League of Nations, the first time that the League has actively associated itself in this way with newspapers of the world, and thus the recommendations were given additional weight.

Mr. Date, who is managing director of the Associated Press of Japan, as well as a director of the Toho News Agency, with which he has been associated for a number of years, was one of three delegates from this country, the other two having travelled home via America.

The editors of the local British newspapers were given an opportunity to meet Mr. Date at lunch yesterday, the function, which was arranged by the Consul General for Japan, Mr. Y. Murakami, being held at the Hongkong Hotel. An excellent repast was served, and the gathering, which comprised a number of Japanese pressmen as well, were able to exchange varying experiences of their line of work. In the course of conversation, it was learned that Mr. Date, whose third visit to Europe this had been, was much impressed with the changes for the better which he observed.

At the conclusion, Mr. B. Wylie, on behalf of the British guests, expressed their pleasure at having made Mr. Date's acquaintance, and their best wishes for a pleasant voyage to his homeland. All present then drank to the health of the principal guest, and a very pleasant function came to a close.

WANCHAI FERRY.

SERVICE ACROSS HARBOUR UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Local Chinese merchants are contemplating the establishment of a ferry service between Wanchai and Yau-mat, Kowloon City and Hungnam, if Government permission can be obtained the company will have its wharf near the No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai.

There will be three or four steam launches on the run and the charges of fares will be similar to those of the Yau-mat Ferry. The formation of this new ferry service is due to the fact that the Wanchai reclamation is almost complete and an increase of population in that district is expected.

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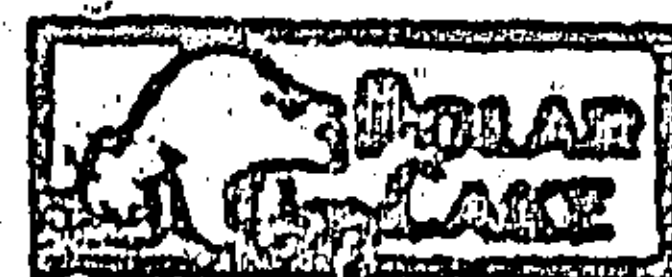
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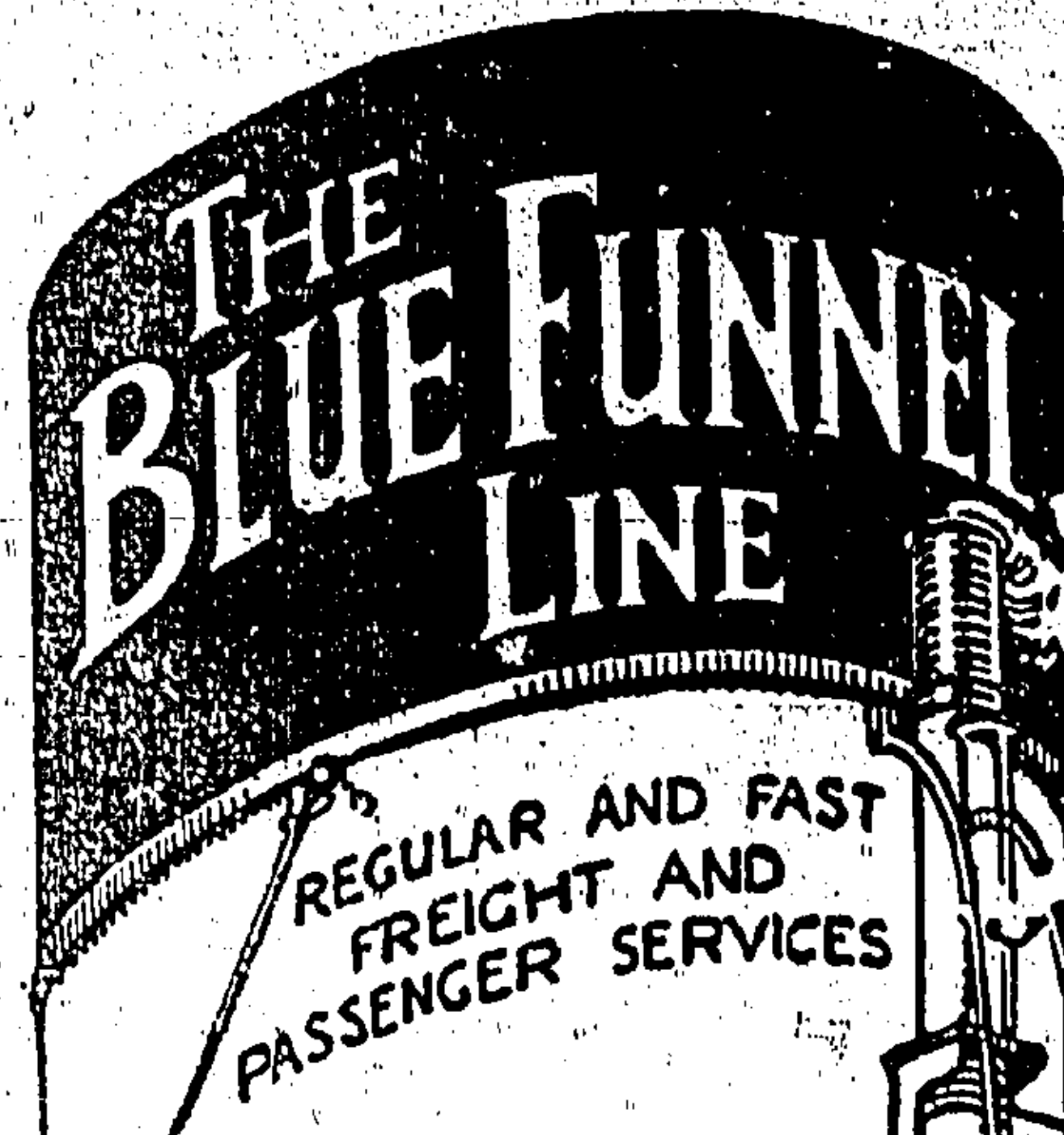
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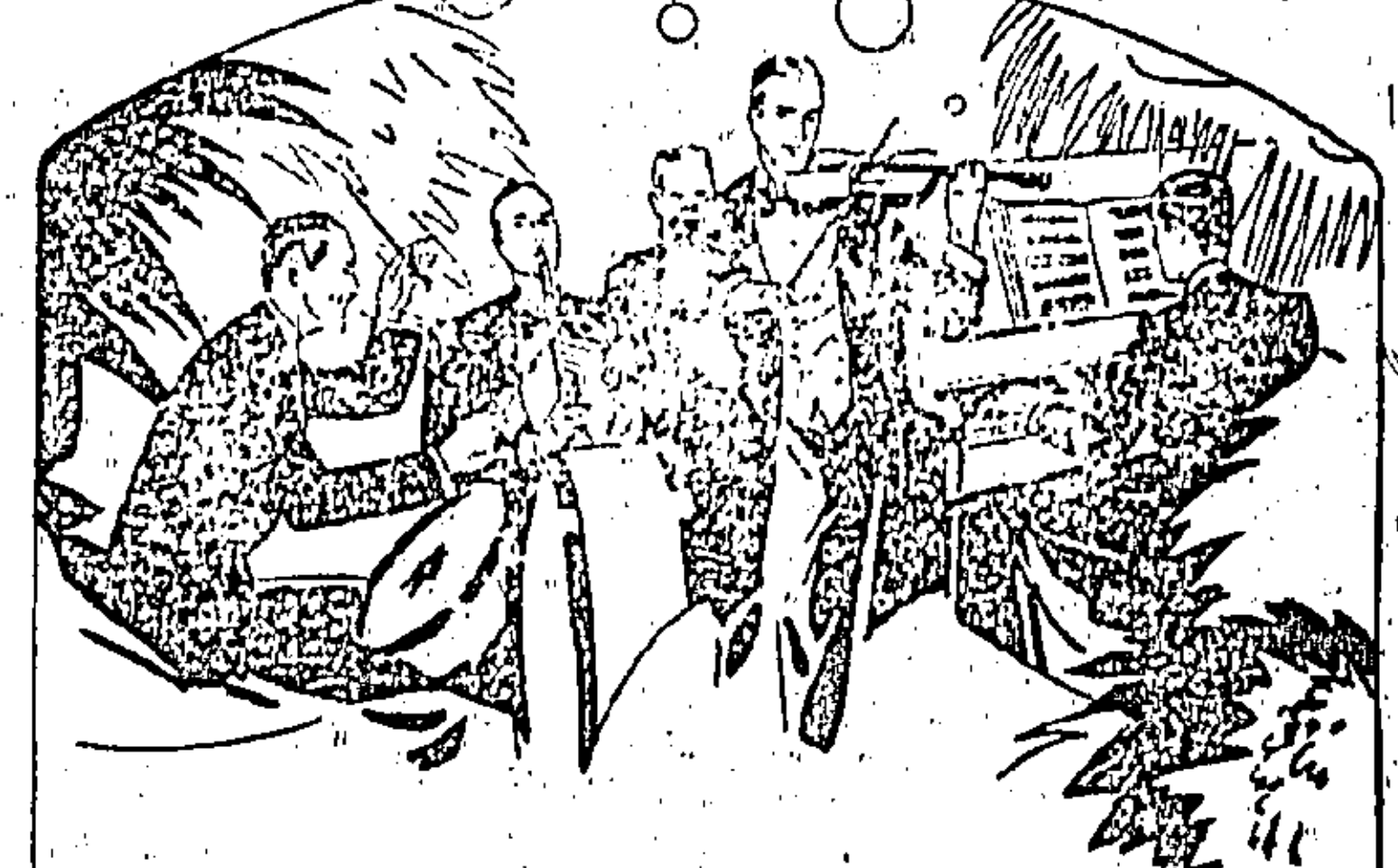
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MALAYAN RIVER
TRAGEDY.CAPSIZING OF THE PAHANG
FERRY.

A distressing disaster occurred
on the Jelai River in Pahang on
Saturday evening, October 22, re-
ports the Malay Mail.

It had been raining heavily
earlier in the day in the hills
above Selborne Plantations—at
Padang Tungku, Kuala Lipis,
causing the river to rise rapidly.
At 3 o'clock a ferry which plies
across the river near Selborne
estate was crossing, it is said,
with 28 passengers, mostly estate
workers, and all Malays, about
half the number being women,
when it capsized almost in mid-
stream and threw all aboard into
the water.

Six Women Drowned.

Most of the passengers were
able to save themselves by cling-
ing to the overturned boat or
swimming ashore, but unfortu-
nately six Malay women were
drowned.

Three of the bodies were re-
covered by the Malays of Selborne
estate—two near the place where
the boat capsized and the other
about three miles further down
the river. A search is still being
made for the bodies of the other
three women.

We understand, says the
journal, that the ferry boat—a
pram—usually carries no more
than about fifteen persons.

SMUGGLING OPIUM
BY POST.PARCELS DESPATCHED TO
KIRIN.

Thirteen mail parcels, contain-
ing six big packages of opium in
each, were discovered by the
Woosung police authorities on
Oct. 27, as the goods were about
to be despatched to their destina-
tion in Kirin. The post-master in
charge of the branch office in
Woosung is alleged to have re-
ceived a bribe of \$100 for the
transportation of the alleged mer-
chandise.

Following information divulged
by certain parties, to the effect
that opium smuggling was being
conducted by the post office in
Woosung, the police and military
authorities in that district, armed
with a search warrant, raided the
post office on the 27th inst., just
before the parcels were ready for
shipment.

Among the big stack of mail
packages were thirteen big parcels,
wrapped up in the usual mail
bags, each containing six tin cases
of opium. It is estimated that
there were altogether 300 lbs of
opium.

Upon discovery the post-master
looked agitated, and pretended
ignorance; but, when told that
there was evidence against him, he
pleaded for mercy.

NEW SHAKESPEARE
MEMORIAL.

BIG AMERICAN DONATIONS.

London, Nov. 1.
The Daily Telegraph announces
that the building and endowment
of a magnificent new Shakespeare
Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-
Avon, to replace the theatre burnt
down last year, is assured.

This is the result of gifts to
the British and American founda-
tion of funds exceeding £230,000.
Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Junior,
has donated \$350,000 of this
amount equally between the two
foundations.

A New York message states that
an active campaign is being con-
ducted in America to raise the
total contributions there from
\$345,000 to \$1,000,000.—Reuter.

Acting on instructions from the
Woosung-Shanghai Defence Com-
missioner, Tai Zhi-von, Chief of
the Shanghai Chinese Territory
Municipality, on Friday issued a
circular order to the inspectors in
charge of the various districts an-
nouncing that all traffic must
cease between one and five a.m.,
and that policemen on duty should
assist the soldiers in the de-
fence of the various important
thoroughfares in this locality.

Mr. Norotmdas Zavari was
summoned before Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell at the Central Police Court,
this morning, with keeping an un-
licensed dog. He said that his
dog was only three months old;
but the police officer who took out
the summons deposed that it was
a full-grown animal. The defend-
ant was fined \$5, and was advised
to take out a licence immediately.

This morning's Harbour Office
report gave a heavy list of ar-
rivals, British holding top place
with 10 arrivals and eight depar-
tures, of a total of 22 and 19 re-
spectively. The bulk of the
through cargo was in British ves-
sels, but freights otherwise were
generally low. At 9 a.m. this
morning there were 54 vessels in
harbour of which 20 were British.

MARRIES MILLIONS.



The above is a characteristic portrait of Mr. Edward
P. Eagan, the amateur heavyweight boxer, who it is an-
nounced, has married the daughter of the millionaire soap
manufacturer, Mr. Sydney Colgate, a New York report stating
that the father has philosophically accepted that situation.
Miss Margaret Colgate eloped with Mr. Eagan early last
month. The news is of particular interest out here, as Mr.
Eagan was on a visit to Hongkong in December, in the course
of a world tour, and boxed Stoker Addison, on December 28,
at the H.K.B.A. bouts arranged for that night, Addison retir-
ing in the fourth round. Eagan won the amateur heavy-
weight title in England while there as a Rhodes scholar.

OVER \$450,000.

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Mr. Moss admitted Mr. Frank-
lin's statement that they wrote to
the Bank, claiming the money, and
also that the Bank had written
Messrs. Beckman & Linden, but
they had not taken the trouble to
intervene, or officially to notify
the Court.

Mr. Franklin in reply, contend-
ed that the Bank was bound to
observe the joint contract, which
plaintiff and Messrs. Beckman &
Linden had consummated. The
Bank had written both parties ask-
ing them to withdraw the money,
but no agreement had been arrived
at. Counsel was merely protect-
ing the Bank's interest. He did not
wish to have an adverse judgment
in the U. S. Court for China and
then have an American Court in
New York or San Francisco order
his client to pay the other party
the same amount.

Counsel pleaded that Mr. Moss
should have filed a suit in equity
in a San Francisco Court against
Messrs. Beckman & Linden for a
release order.

Further counsel argued under
the common law, and cited numer-
ous instances, that under the
contract both parties should have
appeared as plaintiff, and that the
Court could not pass on the bene-
ficial interests where legal title is
held jointly.

Judge Purdy differed, saying that
it was not conceded that the in-
terests were joint, which was the
case in counsel's citation. There
was no joint interest here, except
in name. The American company
had been notified, but all they had
done was to notify the Bank to
"Pay at your peril". Witnesses
understood that the money belong-
ed to plaintiff. "They may sue in
New York or San Francisco, but
I don't think that they will get a
dollar."

Mr. Franklin informed the Court
of his intention to appeal.

TO-MORROW'S
CONCERT.PROGRAMME FOR GOVERN-
MENT HOUSE.

The following is the programme
of the entertainment to be given
at Government House ballroom to-
morrow, commencing at 5 o'clock,
in aid of the Hongkong Women's
Guild and Ministering Children's
League:

Pianoforte Solo, Mrs. R.
Pestonji.
Tenor Solos (a) "I pitch my
lonely caravan at night," Eric
Coates; (b) "Love is Mine,"
Gartner; Mr. H. E. Gardner.
Soprano Solo "Pierette," Eric
Coates; Mrs. M. Minney.
Baritone Solos (a) "Love the
Pedlar," Edward German; (b)
"Steppin' down along the road,"
Akers Wilson; Surg.-Lieut. W. H.
Bradfield, R.N.

Recitation "Charge of the Light
Brigade," Mr. G. W. C. Burnett.
Dances by pupils of Miss
Daisy O'Keefe:
Highland Dance, Lorna Tolan.
Jazz, Dorothy Tolan and Betty
Pestonji.

Irish Jig, Marian Bryson.
Pas de Deux, Billy and Nellie
Field.

Gavotte, Anne Cookes and Do-
reen Hynes.
Hornpipe, Billy Mayes, Margery
Simpson, and Ethel Minney.
Quartet, Betty Pestonji, Betty
Spalding, Norma May, and Dorothy
Tolan.

Chopin's Waltz, Marian Bryson;
Bella Pestonji and Lorna Tolan.
The accompanists will be Mrs.
J. R. Suiter, Miss Jefford and Mr.
Dick D'Almada.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1140 s.
Chartered Bank, \$207 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$312 n.
Mercantile C., \$133 n.
P. and O., \$10 n.
East Asia, \$68 n.

Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$565 s.
China Underwriters, \$120 s.
North China, Tls. 143 n.
Union Ins., \$292 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.

Fire Ins.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$590 b.
Shipping.
Douglases, \$351 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$21 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$190 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Star Ferries, \$54 n.
Waterboats, \$17 n.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$13 n.
Malabons, \$30 s.

Mining.
Benguet, \$21 b.
Kailans, \$2/6 n.
Langkats, Tls. \$16.60 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 5.30 n.
Rauls, \$31 b.
Tronchs, 19/3 n.
Ural Caspians, 1/9 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$119 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 145 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 4.60 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 99 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, 61 n.
H. K. Lands, \$557 b.
Realty, \$61 b.
Territorials, \$14 s.
Humphreys, \$12.40 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$120 b.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.60 s.
Orientals, Tls. \$2.20 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. \$45 n.

Buses, Trams.
China Buses, Tls. 6 b.
Tramways, \$20 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Singapore Trams, 12/9 n.
Taxis, \$1 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$19 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Comments (Comb.), \$7 s.
China Lights, \$12 n.
China Prov., \$1 n.
Constructions, \$12 s.
Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$521 s.
H. K. G. Loan, 21% sa.
Macao Electric, \$43 n.
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceros, 81 n.
United Abo n.

Watsons, \$12 s.
Powells, \$11 n.
Teleph. \$5 s.
B'que, 3.65 b.
Induons: G. & Bonds, 52% b.

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